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EASTER DAY, APRIL 5th.

FRANK SMYTHSON (ltd.)
ORIGINATORS OF EXCLUSIVE LEATHERWARE,
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EASTER DAY, APRIL 18th.

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EVERYTHING FOR THE WRITING TABLE
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Calendar for 1955

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EASTER DAY, APRIL 10th

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DAYS AND DATES, 1954

Accession Day	Feb.	6
St. Valentine's Day	,,	14
St. David's Day	March	1
Shrove Tuesday	,,	2
Ash Wednesday	,,	3
St. Patrick's Day	,,	17
Good Friday	April	16
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	,,	19
H.M. The Queen's Birthday	,,	21
St. George's Day	,,	23
Royal Academy opens	May	1
Empire Day	,,	24
Ascension Day	,,	27
Whit Monday (Bank Holiday)	June	7
Bank Holiday	August	2
H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Birthday	,,	4
Grouse Shooting Begins	,,	12
Royal Academy closes	,,	15
Partridge Shooting begins	September	1
Pheasant Shooting begins	October	1
Fox Hunting begins	November	1
Remembrance Day	,,	7
St. Andrew's Day	,,	30
Christmas Day	December	25
Bank Holiday	,,	27

QUARTER DAYS: March 25, June 24, Sept. 29, Dec. 25.

UNIVERSITY TERMS

OXFORD

	Term Begins	Term Ends	Full Term Begins	Full Term Ends
Hilary ...	Jan. 10	Apr. 10	Jan. 17	Mar. 13
Trinity ...	Apr. 21	July 10	Apr. 25	June 19
Encænia Wednesday, 23rd June				
Michaelmas	Oct. 1	Dec. 17	Oct. 10	Dec. 4

CAMBRIDGE

	Term Begins	Term Ends	Full Term Begins	Full Term Ends
Lent ...	Jan. 5	Mar. 25	Jan. 12	Mar. 12
Easter ...	Apr. 16	June 24	Apr. 20	June 11
Michaelmas	Oct. 1	Dec. 19	Oct. 5	Dec. 3

DURHAM

Epiphany ...	January	19	March	20
Easter ...	April	27	June	26
Michaelmas ...	October	5	December	11

LAW SITTINGS

(Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875)

	Begins		Ends	
Hilary ...	January	11	April	14
Easter ...	April	27	June	4
Trinity ...	June	15	July	31
Michaelmas ...	October	1	December	21

The Michaelmas Sittings may be altered by Order in Council

FRANK SMYTHSON (ltd.), 54 New Bond Street, LONDON, W.1

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PARCELS

The name of the Country or Colony in which the place of destination is situated must be added to the address, and the postage must be fully prepaid.

For rates of postage or conditions of service, see the Post Office Guide or refer to the Postal Authorities.

INLAND POSTAL RATES

These rates are liable to alteration

LETTERS

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For Irish Republic refer to Post Office Guide.

PARCELS

Not exceeding 2 lbs., 1/-; 3 lbs., 1/2; 4 lbs., 1/4; 5 lbs., 1/6; 6 lbs., 1/8; 7 lbs., 1/10; 8 lbs., 1/11; 11 lbs., 2/-; 15 lbs., 2/1. Maximum Length, 3 ft. 6 ins.; Length and Girth combined 6 ft. 0 ins.

Parcels, which should bear the words "Parcel Post," must not be posted in a letter box, but must be taken into a Post Office and handed to an officer.

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For £5 (fee 6d.) to £400 (fee 2s. 2d.)

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Inland and Commonwealth, also Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, U.S.A., 2d.; Foreign, 2½d.

RACING FIXTURES, 1954

(Racing will commence on Monday, 22nd March)

				No. of Days
April	6	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Craven	3
,,	20	(Tuesday)	Epsom Spring	3
,,	27	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First Spring ...	4
May	11	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second Spring ...	3
June	1	(Tuesday)	Epsom Summer	4
,,	15	(Tuesday)	Royal Ascot	4
,,	29	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First July ...	4
July	13	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second July ...	3
,,	27	(Tuesday)	Goodwood	4
September	7	(Tuesday)	Doncaster September ...	4
,,	28	(Tuesday)	Newmarket First October ...	4
October	12	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Second October ...	4
,,	26	(Tuesday)	Newmarket Houghton ...	4

The above dates are liable to alteration

Frank Smythson (ltd.), 54, New Bond Street, London, W.1

TABLE FOR WAGES, Etc.

Per Year	Per Month			Per Week			Per Day			Per Year	Per Month			Per Week			Per Day		
£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	0	1	8	0	0	4½	0	0	0¾	30	2	10	0	0	11	6	0	1	7¾
2	0	3	4	0	0	9¼	0	0	1¼	40	3	6	8	0	15	4½	0	2	2¼
3	0	5	0	0	1	1¾	0	0	2	50	4	3	4	0	19	2	0	2	10
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11	0	18	4	0	4	2¾	0	0	7¼	250	20	16	8	4	16	1¾	0	13	8¾
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14	1	3	4	0	5	4½	0	0	9¼	400	33	6	8	7	13	10¼	1	1	11
15	1	5	0	0	5	9¾	0	0	9¾	500	41	13	4	9	12	3¾	1	7	4¾
16	1	6	8	0	6	1¾	0	0	10½	600	50	0	0	11	10	9¼	1	12	10½
17	1	8	4	0	6	6¼	0	0	11¼	700	58	6	8	13	9	2¾	1	18	4¼
18	1	10	0	0	6	10¾	0	0	11¾	800	66	13	4	15	7	8¼	2	3	10
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LONDON SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES, 1954

(Greenwich Mean Time)

	Rise	Set		Rise	Set		Rise	Set
Jan. 2	8.6	4.2	May 1	4.34	7.21	Sept. 4	5.16	6.41
Jan. 23	7.52	4.32	May 22	3.59	7.54	Sept. 25	5.49	5.54
Feb. 6	7.32	4.58	June 5	3.46	8.10	Oct. 9	6.12	5.22
Feb. 20	7.6	5.23	June 19	3.42	8.20	Oct. 23	6.36	4.52
Mar. 6	6.36	5.48	July 3	3.48	8.20	Nov. 6	7.0	4.26
Mar. 20	6.5	6.12	July 24	4.10	8.2	Nov. 20	7.25	4.5
Apr. 3	5.33	6.35	Aug. 7	4.32	7.39	Dec. 11	7.55	3.51
Apr. 17	5.2	6.59	Aug. 21	4.53	7.12	Dec. 25	8.5	3.55

When SUMMER TIME is in force One Hour must be added to the above times

FRANK SMYTHSON (ltd.), 54, New Bond Street, W.1

SUNDAY LESSONS

DATE 1954	MATINS		EVENSONG	
	FIRST	SECOND	FIRST	SECOND
Jan. 3	Isaiah xlii	Matthew ii	Isaiah xliii or xliv	Acts ii, 1-22
„ 10	Isaiah li	Matthew vi, 1-19	Isaiah lii, 13 and 53, or liv	Acts vi
„ 17	Isaiah lv	Matthew x, 1-24	Isaiah lvii or lxi	Acts x, 1-24
„ 24	Isaiah lxii	Matt. xiii, 53 to xiv, 13	Isaiah lxv or lxvi	Acts xv, 1-30
„ 31	Job xxvii	Matthew xvii, 14	Job xxviii or xxix	Acts xviii, 24 to xix, 21
Feb. 7	Proverbs i	Matthew xxi, 23	Proverbs iii or viii	Acts xxii, 23 to xxiii, 12
„ 14	Genesis i and ii, 1-4	Revelation xxi, 1-9	Genesis ii, 4 or Job xxxviii	Rev. xxi, 9 to xxii, 6
„ 21	Genesis iii	Matthew xxvii, 57	Genesis vi or viii	Romans v
„ 28	Genesis ix, 1-20	Mark iv, 1-35.	Genesis xii or xiii	Romans x
Mar. 3	Isaiah lviii, 1-13	Mark ii, 13-23	Jonah iii	Hebrews xii, 3-18
„ 7	Genesis xix, 12-30	Mark vii, 24 to viii, 10	Genesis xxii, 1-20 or xxiii	Romans xvi
„ 14	Genesis xxvii, 1-41	Mark xi, 27 to xii, 13	Genesis xxviii or xxxii	1 Cor. vii, 1-25
„ 21	Genesis xxxvii	Mark xv, 1-42	Genesis xxxix or xl	1 Cor. xii, 1-28
„ 28	Genesis xlii	Luke iii, 1-23	Genesis xliii or xlv	2 Cor. i, 1-23
Apr. 4	Exodus iii	Luke vii, 1-24	Exodus v or vi, 1-14	2 Cor. viii
„ 11	Exodus ix	Matthew xxvi	Exodus x or xi	Luke xix, 28 or xx, 9-21
„ 16	Genesis xxii, 1-20	John xviii	Isaiah lii, 13 and liii	1 Peter ii
„ 18	Exodus xii, 1-29	Rev. i, 10-19	Exodus xii, 29 or xiv	John xx, 11-19 or Rev. v
„ 25	Numbers xvi, 1-36	1 Cor. xv, 1-29	Numbers xvi, 36 or xvii, 1-12	John xx, 24-30
May 2	Numbers xx, 1-14	Luke xxii, 1-31	Numbers xx, 14 to xxi, 10 or xxi, 10	Colossians iii, 18 to iv, 7
„ 9	Numbers xxii	John i, 1-29	Numbers xxiii or xxiv	2 Thessalonians i
„ 16	Deuteronomy iv, 1-23	John v, 1-24	Deut. iv, 23-41 or v	1 Timothy v
„ 23	Deuteronomy vi	John viii, 1-31	Deuteronomy ix or x	Titus ii
„ 27	Daniel vii, 9-15	Luke xxiv, 44	2 Kings ii, 1-16	Hebrews iv
„ 30	Deuteronomy xxx	John xi, 47 to xii, 20	Deut. xxxiv or Joshua i	Hebrews vi
June 6	Deuteronomy xvi, 1-18	Romans viii, 1-18	Isa. xi or Ezekiel xxxvi, 25	Gal. v, 16 or Acts xviii, 24 to xix, 21
„ 13	Isaiah vi, 1-11	Revelation i, 1-9	Genesis xviii, or i and ii, 1-4	Eph. iv, 1-17 or Matthew iii
„ 20	Joshua iii, 7 to iv, 15	Acts iv, 1-32	Joshua v, 13 to vi, 21 or xxiv	1 Peter v
„ 27	Judges iv	Acts viii, 5-26	Judges v, or vi, 11	1 John ii, 15
July 4	1 Samuel ii, 1-27	Acts xi	1 Samuel iii, or iv, 1-19	3 John
„ 11	1 Samuel xii	Acts xvi, 16	1 Samuel xiii or Ruth iv	Matthew v, 13-33
„ 18	1 Samuel xv, 1-24	Acts xx, 17	1 Samuel xvi or xvii	Matthew ix, 1-18
„ 25	2 Kings i, 1-16	Luke ix, 51-57	Jeremiah xxvi, 8-16	Matthew xiii, 1-24
Aug. 1	1 Chronicles xxi	Romans ii, 1-17	1 Chron. xxii or xxviii, 1-21	Matthew xvi, 24 to xvii, 14
„ 8	1 Chronicles xxix, 9-29	Romans xiii, 1-18	2 Chron. i or 1 Kings iii	Matthew xxi, 1-23
„ 15	1 Kings x, 1-25	Romans xii	1 Kings xi, 1-15 or xi, 26	Matthew xxiv, 29
„ 22	1 Kings xii	1 Corinthians iii	1 Kings xiii or xvii	Matthew xxvii, 27-57
„ 29	1 Kings xviii	1 Corinthians ix	1 Kings xix or xxi	Mark iii, 13
Sept. 5	1 Kings xxii, 1-41	1 Corinthians xiv, 20	2 Kings ii, 1-16 or iv, 8-38	Mark vii, 1-24
„ 12	2 Kings v	2 Corinthians iv	2 Kings vi, 1-24 or vii	Mark xi, 1-27
„ 19	2 Kings ix	2 Corinthians xi, 1-30	2 Kings x, 1-32 or xiii	Mark xiv, 53
„ 26	2 Kings xviii	Gal. iv, 21 to v, 13	2 Kings xix, or xxiii, 1-31	Luke ii, 21
Oct. 3	2 Chronicles xxxvi	Ephesians iv, 1-25	Nehemiah i and ii, 1-9 or viii	Luke vi, 1-20
„ 10	Jeremiah v	Philippians iv	Jeremiah xxii or xxxv	Luke ix, 28-51
„ 17	Jeremiah xxxvi	1 Thessalonians ii	Ezekiel ii or xiii, 1-17	Luke xiii, 1-18
„ 24	Ezekiel xiv	1 Timothy i, 1-18	Ezekiel xviii or xxiv, 15	Luke xvii, 20
„ 31	Ezekiel xxxiv	2 Timothy ii	Ezekiel xxxvii or Daniel i	Luke xxi, 5
Nov. 7	Daniel iii	Philemon	Daniel iv or v	Luke xxiii, 50 to xxiv, 13
„ 14	Daniel vi	Hebrews viii	Daniel vii, 9 or xii	John iv, 1-31
„ 21	Ecclesiastes xi and xii	Hebrews xiii	Haggai ii, 1-10 or Malachi iii and iv	John vii, 1-25
„ 28	Isaiah i	1 Peter i, 22 to ii, 11	Isaiah ii or iv, 2	John xi, 1-17
Dec. 5	Isaiah v	2 Peter ii	Isaiah xi, 1-11 or xxiv	John xiv
„ 12	Isaiah xxv	1 John iv, 7	Isaiah xxvi, or xxviii, 5-19	John xix, 1-25
„ 19	Isaiah xxx, 1-27	Revelation iv	Isaiah xxxii or xxxiii, 2-23	Revelation v
„ 25	Isaiah ix, 1-8	Luke ii, 1-15	Isaiah vii, 10-17	Titus iii, 4-9
„ 26	Genesis iv, 1-11	Acts vi	2 Chron. xxiv, 15-23	Acts viii, 1-9

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● New Moon ☽ First Quarter
○ Full Moon ☾ Last Quarter

PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ● 2.21 a.m. 19th ○ 2.37 a.m.
12th ☽ 12.22 a.m. 27th ☾ 3.28 a.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

3rd ● 3.55 p.m. 17th ○ 7.17 p.m.
10th ☽ 8.29 a.m. 25th ☾ 11.29 p.m.

MARCH 1954 APRIL

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PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ● 3.11 a.m. 19th ○ 12.42 p.m.
11th ☽ 5.51 p.m. 27th ☾ 4.14 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

3rd ● 12.25 p.m. 18th ○ 5.48 a.m.
10th ☽ 5.05 a.m. 26th ☾ 4.57 a.m.

MAY 1954 JUNE

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PHASES OF THE MOON

2nd ● 8.22 p.m. 17th ○ 9.47 p.m.
9th ☽ 6.17 p.m. 25th ☾ 1.49 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

1st ● 4.03 a.m. 23rd ☾ 7.46 p.m.
8th ☽ 9.13 a.m. 30th ● 12.26 p.m.
16th ○ 12.06 p.m.

JULY 1954 AUGUST

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PHASES OF THE MOON

8th ☽ 1.33 a.m. 23rd ☾ 12.14 a.m.
16th ○ 12.29 a.m. 29th ● 10.20 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

6th ☽ 6.50 p.m. 21st ☾ 4.51 a.m.
14th ○ 11.03 a.m. 28th ● 10.21 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 1954 OCTOBER

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PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ☽ 12.28 p.m. 19th ☾ 11.11 a.m.
12th ○ 8.19 p.m. 27th ● 12.50 a.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

5th ☽ 5.31 a.m. 18th ☾ 8.30 p.m.
12th ○ 5.10 a.m. 26th ● 5.47 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 1954 DECEMBER

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PHASES OF THE MOON

3rd	☽	8.55 p.m.	17th	☾	9.32 a.m.
10th	○	2.29 p.m.	25th	●	12.30 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON

3rd	☽	9.56 a.m.	17th	☾	2.21 a.m.
10th	○	12.56 a.m.	25th	●	7.33 a.m.

of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office

Memoranda

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up 7.15 — usual misty
morning. [illegible] [illegible] posters

Friday, January 1

made C. a Knight of B.E. in
birthday honours: i.e. my

Bank Holiday (Scotland) *New Year's Day*

congratulations. To Charley B.
Glucose & milk as usual at
11.30. C. having large
luncheon, — C. Wyndham,
Antoinette, Frank, Stephanie,
I left out sherry and
white wine. To see Bunn
in Davies Street about
Chandelier, Drawn about
Naples gouaches, [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] but:
Bus to Tottenham Ct. Rd.;
Phillips cast at [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] and
Degas [illegible] fig or [illegible]
not [illegible] Wint. I came
[illegible] [illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible]
so tells me about Camilla and
[illegible]. I had [illegible] [illegible]
to Alex.

Misty cold morning. Up 8 o'c

Saturday, January 2

Letter from Mrs Rupert Williams and tied up her manuscript to send to await arrival when she leaves hospital. Cledys furious because I suggested that she should go alone with Stephanie to Jaegers sale. In the end we all went together and I chose a grey day dress and helped choose a teapattern evening dress. To lunch Edward Wyndhams his Frances Pigott. Sweet sherry before lunch. Bad lunch. Frances left first. She had been very pleasant. We came away just before 3. Edward off to Petworth 3.30. C & I rested, up for tea and talk. Then sort of late sandwich supper. To play The Return about Flora Robson as one who returns to world.

Supper of cheese & biscuits. Bed

Pleasant morning with no
fog and
Sunday, January 3
glimmering
sun. Read papers after I
had breakfast. Had slept
2nd Sunday after Christmas
till 8.30. My appetite is growing
and I am at last beginning
to feel better after my long
illness. Out to walk in
garden and picked up sticks
for Grange drawing-room
and found Willy Howard
having luncheon with a
lady who lives here.
Back and got sherry & Dubonnet
for ladies. Trained hyacinths
on my sticks. Mme de Sars
came to luncheon looking
very lovely young. She
and Stephanie had [illegible]
[illegible] to fight about. I
[illegible] lunch I walked again
[illegible] with papers to send
down sticks. Then took
Mme de Sars down in lift.
Rested but could not sleep.
To tea w/. Eshers who leave
tomorrow for West Indies.
Peter came to dinner. St.
Catharine about Hailey.

Restless night with heart trouble and loss of memory. Up 7:30. After breakfast tel. [illegible] about glass chandeliers. Read papers. To barbers and had my hair cut. Off to bank, deposited money to straighten out [illegible] account and cashed $50. To Johnsons and bought coat. Foreign office tel. for evening as [illegible] [illegible] cracked about at [illegible] etc. Also bought navy blue tie. [illegible] C. and Stephanie left [illegible] been out and she kept Horace waiting 15 minutes. She was annoyed but got over it. Telephoned [illegible] [illegible] talk about Mildred. Horace and Stephanie went shopping and S. saw H. off at 1 o'clock and then James C. at ten with Miss [illegible]. I phoned Mrs. [illegible] Williams and went to see [illegible] [illegible] 6 o'C. [illegible] E. 5 [illegible] Made drinks. After dinner fixed

Monday, January 4

hooks. Chairs in Naples because [illegible] apart room. One of them fell down last

Stephanie [illegible] about next few weeks

Cold dull early morning. Up
7.40. Heart has been bad all
night. Read papers. N9.

Tuesday, January 5

Article on Molly MacCarthy's
death. Wr [illegible] Fisher.
Halpan took down two
suitcases, one full of
papers not required, other
empty and leaving only
tin box. Tell [illegible]
[illegible] not there. Stephanie
out shopping and met
C. at Quality Stores' lunch
I went to look at hats
for C. at Margaret Marks.
On to lunch by 19 [illegible]
Best Public House near
Dykes. To see him about
C's cabinet: looked for
[illegible] at all antique shops
in Monmouth St to
Strand. Home to rest. Brought
[illegible] young [illegible] picture. Took
part of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. Tea 6 o'c. Sandwiches 6:30
To T. S. Eliot play Confidential Clerk

like Oscar Wilde only heavier. Home supper

Up. 6.45 and saw Stephanie off on the

Wednesday, January 6

10 o'c train for Paris. She bought a scarf at

Epiphany

Harvey & Nichols and a hot water bottle at Boots Victoria. I took P. the little water-colour by an old master & my small figure print to Monmouth St to be framed. Got MacVitie biscuits at Jacksons and home. C. relined where Stephanie's go. C. out to Tailor to have jacket mattress made up and grey flannel day better jacket mended. After lunch W. Somerset & paid Pulmans account. Rested up. First Hat Bank Day for Eye exercises. Made drinks. After dinner darned sack. C. cannot stop expressing relief that S. has gone

Thursday, January 7

Winter has set in. Snow in country and very cold in London. C. out to hairdresser and must pick up luncheon and go to a film. Spent morning writing letter to Jimmie about Hadley, sent it to Mrs Smith to type. Called and had lunch at snack. Got coffee pictures [illegible] Cheese, asked [illegible] buy tea. Left C's [illegible] shell at Smith Ham bus. Put new wire in Dad's picture. Rested. C. came in just as I got up. I had tea when she went to rest. Joined by Peter who joined me and I wrote letter which he will send me with cigars for his board and lodging etc. C. joined us and Peter stayed to dinner. I darned sock and paid Bitters bill for wine.

Up 7 o'c. Read letters
D. Mirror

Friday, January 8

Tel.
Roger about Myers' and
Olive Robinson. C. out to
lunch wi. Freda. W. + tel
Richmond Tamers. W.
Mrs Olive Robinson. Out
and got lunch Tussar Arms
got sealing wax and stamps
Wymans Sloane St. grapes
+ oranges. Walked part
way. Sun early but very
cold. C. lunch Pelham, Claudie
Regine Thouge. Mrs [illegible] Tony
Budget [illegible]. C. came
home soon after me and we
chased hot-house grapes.
Rested. Tea. (Before going
had called up [illegible] about
chandelier [illegible] copied.)
Letter fr. Richard Meaton, pleasant
about Pete and has opinions
about him & Dell Taylor who
was in Berlin. Paid bills etc.
Night drinks. Sheila Talbot
tel. - asked us to dine 23 [illegible]
meet R. Meaton + Freda [illegible]

After dinner wr. Catharine's accounts

Slept late. Up 8.15

Typed

Saturday, January 9

copy of my letter to T. R. to be signed by Betty Smith and mailed it by air with original. Request fr. Coates for income tax information which I collected from accounts. C & J starting to go out but came back owing to rain. Dubonnet before lunch. Radio music. To rest 3.30 – 5.30 slept & dreamt. Tim and Peter called in reply to C's exultant message about Valhalla [illegible]'s pleasant letter. Replied to Lloyd Coates about income tax details. Drinks before dinner. W. Cousin Sarah Bradley after - and P. C. to Granny Hicks. G. writing every evening before dinner and late at night - for her Madame Solano novel

Bright morning. Up 8 o'c

Sunday, January 10

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Tel. Dick Talbot to speak about Peter, but out. W. Norman Croft and read paper about him. Out for brief walk in garden. Met Mr & Mrs Wally Howard. She asked about Gladys and Ursula and seemed very well. Peter to lunch. W. Leo Mackie's daughter Mrs Nicholson Mollie Lockhart. Out ~~for walk in gardens. Sleep before luncheon~~ To rest 3.30. Up 4.30. Tel. Dick Talbot who will see Peter. Tea. Read papers. Practising cupping my eyes and palming. Improvement. Drank before dinner. W. Mrs C. after addressing paper and envelopes

Rain in [illegible] during night
returned to bed but [illegible] [illegible]

Monday, January 11

continued during day but
[illegible] [illegible].

Hilary Law Sittings begin

Tel. Burns about Chancellor.
He has hopes of Cooke for
Christopher Pl. but if he fails
will try [illegible]. Letter
fr. Cameron no money to
buy my shares. Otto
tel. and told him to the Dick
[illegible]. out to cinema and
sandwiches lunch. I went to
Scott Adie & bought dark
and light blue scarf. Lucky
Atts. Dr. [illegible] civil servant
who used to be [illegible]
[illegible] Simonds at Atts.
afternoons. To Manner in
Wigmore St and arranged
for valuation of tapestry
[illegible] and [illegible]. P.C. [illegible]
[illegible] giving message E. [illegible].
to [illegible] [illegible] 11 instead of 12
worked on Amberley
accounts. Drinks. went
on with accounts after
dinner up to 12. without

Getting Thin [illegible]

Woke up again with
pains on

Tuesday, January 12

right side apparently the
sign of appendicitis
about 4 o'c. Got up and
heated water for my
hot water bottle refilled
applied and went to sleep.
Tel. Rippman 8 o'c and he
came round at 10.30 and
said it was some slight
gall bladder irritation that
I could forget about. W.
notes & accounts. Tel. Rogers
for copy of my letter about dog
to send to Leighton Park. Worked
on Amberley accounts.
By Smith's Harry washed crystal
drop lanterns in dining room
and glass shades in hall.
Lunch Tudor Arms. Bus to
Chelsea & looked for jig & table
[illegible] [illegible]. Had just [illegible]
back for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Tea & Peter called & we talked of
his appointment tomorrow with

[illegible] Dr Beaumont as to [illegible]

Dick Tabbart. Dinner wi' John & Betty Whether
Mr & Mrs Ruthven in Nelly Jones (Betty Hodgkinson)

up late with slight head

Wednesday, January 13

from drinking wine at dinner, & whiskey after I got home. Tapestry expert from Maurice called says ours is good English worth £500. Read papers. Got out wine for tonight. Rainy day so did not go out. After lunch made up Jamaican Nogg Cocktails ready for evening. Read [illegible] but [illegible] not sleep. Iced cocktails and gave directions to butler Bucker [illegible]. Guests. Dennis Mackail, Betty Fraser, Thelma Cazalet, Austin Chancellor, Raymond Naird, Lady Montague Bedford, Alice Ceashborough and Maureen, Tom Martin & his wife, Fawcetts, Robin Darwin, Peter and Belinda Bellville. 21 sat down to dinner and went to films. St. Ebdet Square to [illegible] about Margaret Mackenzie's [illegible]. Frank [illegible] ordered money. Peter went to see Dick Tilbot this morning. Thinks

they were given [illegible] are appearing
gifts but if [illegible] not [illegible] seem to [illegible]
them with [illegible]

Not to bed till 12.30

Thursday, January 14

Wakeful early morning
up 7.30 Breakfast 10.
Read papers. Worked on
accounts. C. to lunch
in: Gladdie Wyndhams
Arthur Smith, Edward
Hal Rendel, Lady Kimball gave
Mr Howard & [illegible] Mark.
I had sandwiches at
Turner Arms. Then went
to Allts. & got Stationery
+ post-cards. To Fortnum
and got oranges and
Stilton cheese. C. had got
back after pleasant time.
To rest. Up & tea 5.30
Read evening paper.
No news of [illegible] to-day.
hearing of House of Lords
appeal in case of Guy
Davis convicted of murder
Worked on accounts
books. Dinner. accounts
Peter called in. Better off.

does not show any [illegible]

[illegible] of being put in Metal casket. He

3 Wake about five and trying to get to sleep again. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] finished papers in dining room at 10 o'c. W. Dick & Albert thanking for his interest in Vetta. Weather warm. I am trying to discard [illegible] woollen waistcoats. Tied up parcel wh. E. took to dressmaker in Park St. W. Clayton Bank [illegible] nights account & cheque. Lunch. Cash £5 0.0.0 fr. Westminster a/c. [illegible] Kelly Allen. Out & took Naples framed picture to Deacon for them to get [illegible] - eruption night our feasted to match; to [illegible] who says Cash is looking for a room [illegible]. Got Graphic & papers. Looked for shirts at Bond St. shops. Dance [illegible] [illegible] home 4.45. Paid bills etc. 10. [illegible]. Drinks dinner.

Returned breakfasted & fell asleep

Westminster Bank a/c

Slept well up 7.15. Weather
mild Saturday, January 16 but
windy. Put patch under
turn up of trousers before
dressing. Read papers.
W. Westminster Bank about
Granville Barker account.
W. Robert Murphy and sent
up P. Pole Smith to copy.
Out wi. C. She bought a
new [illegible] and left at [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
5 [illegible] matinée [illegible] Lunch.
Mrs [illegible]
to Mrs Pettie. Mended frayed edge
of coat of striped grey suit.
Rested. Finished coat. Tea.
Put hair oil and tonic in little
leather travelling case.
Finished edge of coat-lining
Made them drinks. After
dinner spent whole evening
sorting and destroying
and filing papers into tin
box. In and out of sitting
room where C. was listening
to wireless music and
then writing on her [illegible]

Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Up 7.30 Pleasant day with misty sunshine. Dressed in old suit. Read paper and then continued the sorting of the box of letters. Changed to new blue suit. C. wore her brown dress that [illegible] [illegible] morning at home. [illegible] car [illegible] came for us at 12.15 we collected a Mrs Stirling in N. [illegible] St and drove out to lunch w. Robin Darwin at the Pavilion Syon Park, Isleworth. Mrs Stirling's brother arrived later and we had a very rich luncheon. Charming [illegible] Early [illegible] Adams building enlarged to make a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible]. [illegible] with lovely pieces of [illegible] and china picked up by Robin Stirling [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] subject. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Slept well until 7. W.C.
Alfreda
Monday, January 18
Paid
Bills. C. out to lunch
w/ Ida Barrick. Tel. Hy.
Smith electric fixture. Tel. A.
Berry legwork. out lunch
Alt + cashed £5.0.0. To many
mens shops for woollen under-
shirts shown to me as sample
Arms [illegible] w/ C. W. Mark
Spencer. Sorted papers. Tel.
for Rita Smyth who is copying
long letter to Richard Shelling
Gave C. a drink of brandy
instead of a cocktail as she
has indigestion. Dinner.
I cupped my eyes while
listening to news. Glanced
at monthly papers but got
so sleepy that I gave some
ironing to my old trousers
to keep awake. C. has turned
wireless on to a Brahms
symphony. Weather continues
warm but hazy. Ida Barrick
has been making friends
with Dennis Wolcott over
their respective Pekinese
To bed 11.20.

Looked at gold pencils at Goldsmiths. N.B.

Tuesday, January 19

woke early. Symptoms of stiff neck. Got back to spells of sleep and dreams and suddenly found it was 8.30. Mild dull day. After breakfast paid bills. To Petty about his Continental telephone calls. He called at 11.45 and we went to Harvard Club luncheon, where I met Bobbie Hutchinson over here on visit. Speech by Head of Emmanuel College Cambridge. Talked to various members. Home and found C already there after her club luncheon where she talked to Celia Coates. We both rested and then Teddie and I telephoned to Chas Coates who like me is having trouble with his eyes. Sorted papers. Made drinks. Dinner listened to news. Sorted papers and pretty well settled the lot, except one pile of odds and ends. To bed 12.30 with C's little pink pillow for my neck

Comfortable night and

Wednesday, January 20

neck still stiff when I got
up at 7. After breakfast
Tel. Hutchins ones to ask
them to lunch. Tel. Heath
Co & W. Paton & sent "Bella
Segal" to Chas. Coates. G.
had bad time in night, and
out sweat. [illegible] [illegible]
from W. Bunt about 6.00 after
breakfast over it. Tel. Bunt
about these letters. G. had her
lunch in bed. After my lunch
I went to Off. and looked up
Myers in Dic. Nat. Biog. to
refute Wayland Hellas young
Spanish Chas. Then to W. Bunt
at J. Spear. They letters were
a mistake. I asked only 3/5 of
hat graphs for G. [illegible] [illegible]
against cloth day and [illegible]
my staff neck. Pain all in
hands I think bent. Tel. [illegible]
Hutchins ones will come to lunch
Sunday. Gladys Robertson
will come too. Dust for me

G. up after dinner. W. G. D. letter

[illegible] 27/1/52

Thursday, January 21

Bad night unable to sleep, my head
[illegible] [illegible] has paralysis of [illegible]
[illegible] difficulty
in getting out of bed when
got up at 7. [illegible] [illegible] up again
gradually getting through [illegible] [illegible]
day. Breakfast 9. [illegible] [illegible]
A. Tim. 10. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] my old [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Ford [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at cheques [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
up most of morning. C. out to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for luncheon at Clubs.
Robertsons, [illegible] Sargent
BBC man, Bonnaughs. Rab
[illegible]. Clubs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
My neck was pretty stiff [illegible]
what painful. Rainy [illegible]
C. & I left [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
I got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. C. at home. I [illegible]
my neck & [illegible] sitting up in bed
C. [illegible] out [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] James has been at RADA

[illegible]

Friday, January 22

Spent night sitting up against a bank of pillows and slept fairly well but found my neck worse today. Tel. Mrs Graham Williams. Paid W. Allen. C. went to see Nellie St Germans. W. Mrs Peters. C. saw Nellie only for a minute seeming worse. Alex came to lunch and we had smoked salmon that C. had got for luncheon. Alex talked to C. about her life. We tel. Peter and she went out with him when he went to dentist. I rested in chair by fire & slept a bit but interrupted by calls for servants, [illegible]. [illegible] failed to come to replace picture light. Alex came back for tea. Peter called for her & took her out to dinner. [illegible] dinner. C. had been to Moira's. I spent evening fomenting my eyes and dozing over [illegible]. My neck getting better. Bed after 12.

Good night- sitting forward
until 3 and
Saturday, January 23
then leaning back with no
longer strain on neck.
up 7.30. Were no callers
but [illegible] [illegible] walked
into a muff here. Only skimmed
papers to spare my eyes.
Neck much better but extreme
rheumatism in back and
hip joint. Spent morning on
letter to Wayland [illegible] going
about Leo Myers, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].
C. out to [illegible] to get
cheese and flowers for tomorrow's
luncheon. Cold wind and I did
not feel up to going out. After
lunch bathed my eyes and
dozed until after 3 when I read
[illegible] [illegible] and slept till
5. Up and tea. Finished [illegible]
week letter to Wayland. [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner, [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. Mixed
[illegible]. Talked C. about Katherine
[illegible] from whom she received
a letter to day enclosing one from
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Fräulein Müller [illegible] leaving in

[illegible] to the Russian Zone

Woke and up at 7.30 after a fairly good night more or less sitting up against a pile of cushions with some [illegible] down. Looked briefly at papers. Talk about Lord Montagu's Bill which seems aimed at general adult consenting homosexuality — a tall order. Left toe joint very enlarged and painful. [illegible] gin and a [illegible] as usual at 11.30. Out to walk in garden; Mrs [illegible] [illegible] the winter [illegible] not [illegible] bloom for lack of sun. [illegible] Rubbens & [illegible] for lunch 8! Jimmy Mackay came first then Jefferson and last Lady Robertson. Jefferson, handsome but [illegible] great talker excellent ability and many interests. Lady [illegible] evidently did not enjoy luncheon but others did. Rested. Tea. Virginia & Walter Butterworth in [illegible] Ella [illegible] house. Virginia's just [illegible] operation. Walter [illegible] affectionate. [illegible] Dinner, Ernest [illegible]

morning & an [illegible] Eye Exercises

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Bad rheumatism in back & shoulder in night

Monday, January 25

Up 7:45 Breakfast 10. Read paper briefly. Started work 11. Tel to N. ordering undershirts: W. [illegible] Professor Fund: W. draft letter to Alfred [illegible] for C. She went out to Thurs to try on new coloured tweed coat & skirt. After lunch I went out. Got stamps foot of St. J. St. Then scoured men's shops for white cotton socks. Finally found more or less what I wanted at [illegible] Glasshouse St. Got oranges Mark & [illegible] sold as non quality but found to be [illegible]. Terribly cold day. Home 4.30 Rested till 6. Even. Standard: Montagu case tragic. Bad for him. Father unfairly. Drinks after dinner [illegible] till 12.30

Read Montgomery Hyde's Intro to Romantic '90s

Lunch. Letters from Mrs Hutchinson

Slept late. Breakfast 10.

Tuesday, January 26

Daily woman Mrs Beecham turned up after missing yesterday so that C. had practically engaged another lass. Read papers. Fixed up American Income tax forms wi. C. for Curtis. C. out to dressmaker and on to Ladies' Lunch. I sorted Christmas cards and took out those I wanted to acknowledge. Then on with P.C.'s. I thanked Sir Miller, Wm. Huntington and Alan Freeman of Faber Sykes House the Miss Olcock. Started to patch the other knee of my drawers by trimming patch. Out to lunch, Francis Arms and on to Wyndhams for stamps and posted back Romantic '90s to Mrs Fabian very late. C. back from her Ladies' Lunch. Rested. Worked patching drawers. Drinks. Dinner. Edgar out with Clagdon

Wattle Day, Australia

Finished 'Achilles' about 12 M.

very cold day. Up 7 o'c
Looked at
Wednesday, January 27
papers; No letters or mail of
any sort. Planned letters to
write but did not have time
to start before my appointment
with Mrs Rubay Williams.
Found her in huge [illegible] pretty
[illegible] house and spotless
apartment in Kensington [illegible]
at. Thoroughly lovely. Her young
[illegible] doctor son was with
her. I had got so cold walking
from the Kensington Church
bus stop that I was almost
numb complimenting but I
managed to convey something
of my criticism of her
novel. Home 12.45 Peter
came to lunch. Advised him
that his Miss Cox might learn
him much to benefit but spurn
him. Dispersed. After lunch
talk about Alix etc. seems
to want to take her up. [illegible]
[illegible]. Found more to do on
drawers. E. to Peter's. Drink

Dinner served by Mrs L. Early [illegible] ...
[illegible]. Winter tales by Samuel Marshall [illegible]

and [illegible]

Woke 5. Rested & dozed a bit
up. 7.30 Opened windows
in sitting & dining

Thursday, January 28

rooms. Nat going to call
Breakfast 8.50 Did right
Eye exercises. Settled Alberta
& C.B. letters. Spent morning
and sent them off to Ruth
Smith to be copied. Slept
before lunch. Peter off
to Kimberley to try to get
some duck. Rested after 1
and made a brief expedition
to grape st and got framed
little picture one of the [illegible]
water colours that Peter gave G
for Christmas and the other
to paint of a famous horse.
Tea and finished
writing sheet. Dressed
for dinner w/ Dick & Stella
to meet Richard Meeker and
[illegible] de [illegible] Mrs.
Kimberley Mrs. Dudley Ward
Richard Meeker very friendly
and interested and I [illegible]
[illegible] Dick was
[illegible] to Peter to
their Corporation. Fred drove

us home in her car stopping [illegible] at
[illegible]

In bed 10 o'c. Bed clothes keep slipping off. Sleep.

Friday, January 29

1 [illegible]-napper in ordinary weather but gives me sore throat these cold nights. Woke up hearing Reggie dreaming [illegible]; up 8.45. Breakfast 10.15. Read papers. Tel fr. Roger about title of his German book which he wants to call Justification suggested by Rodney but author objects. Tel fr. Rita Smith who want more stationery. Sorted paper in paper drawer quantities of superfluous envelopes of E. but to lunch. wi Lady Leigh, Gladys Wyndham and Gladys Robertson. I went Wheelers Athenaeum and looked up Bahrein & Persian Rec. 42 BAD called the W.I. Acc. Home right. Tea. C off to Lady Montague Barlow for drinks and met Major & Mrs Baring. After dinner eye exercises & palming, news music. Draft letter to Chichester Diocesan Council

Had [illegible] down quilt with
silk blanket cover

Saturday, January 30

and slept well and warmly.
Woke when Eagle [illegible] &
[illegible] at 7.30. Breakfast
10.0. Looked at papers. G & I
out at 11.45. Walked to
Harrods where I left Sue to
keep her appointment with
Chiropodist. I explored antique
dealers there in Brompton Rd.
for an [illegible] ad. [illegible]
which G. wanted to give Peter
for his birthday tomorrow. Finally
in basement at Pratts found an
old copper-plate tarnished black
which I bought for 5/. Joined
G. at Harrods. Bought metal
polish and putty & whiskey
and gin for Peter. Home [illegible]
lunch. Immediately after started
to clean copper plate. Had got
it fairly bright at 4 o'clock when
I went to rest. Up and tea
5.30. Continued cleaning plate
with oak-apple from [illegible]
drawer. Got it quite brilliant
and gave it to [illegible] to finish off.

[illegible]

Sunday, January 31

4th Sunday after Epiphany

5 till cold. Up 8.15 Read papers. Called up Richard Merton at Claridge and left message and invited him to dinner any night except Monday or to luncheon. Tied up Peter's presents in white tissue paper and crimson pink ribbon, bottle of whiskey, bottle of gin, print of famous [illegible] and big copper tray for cigarettes. Peter & Steppes arrived at 12.30. I arranged presents as a centre piece on dinner table. Peter pleased and with Mrs Cuneo's cake with 24 candles. After lunch Steppes left first and Peter stayed. We discussed many [illegible] for starting work tomorrow. E. H. [illegible] up till 5.30. Very cold and snow in Park. Peter had been to Amberley Tuesday and shot a couple of duck. Tea. Hunted for Simon Baxter's letter giving date of Mrs Mordecai's death. Made drinks: Dinner. [illegible] Pennington's [illegible] about

Mrs Mordecai's death

up 9.45 Dressed and ate quickly and breakfast at 9. Read papers.

Monday, February 1

Shooting ends

Very cold weather. Spent morning writing to Martyn Skinner about the life of Man Shrifson and his half-caste medium Cook. Did eye exercises. After luncheon out and got airmail stamps for posting the last of the American appeal letters Miss [illegible] had typed for the G.B. best. Mr Digby heathen [illegible] and [illegible] on the cabinet work we have wanted [illegible] for so long. He started on [illegible] out in the [illegible] work, Fig. Eye exercises etc. Peter called after his first days work [illegible] the [illegible] look. Then

[illegible] who gave us dinner party

John Clement Kay Hearne, [illegible], N. Naomi [illegible]

he will do all work. To Dympna [illegible]

taken by Ruth Pitt

Another very cold day. Up
7.50 Breakfast
9.10 Read papers, Studied

Tuesday, February 2

pile of letters etc. in.

SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY (*Candlemas*)

Returns N.Y. nothing about re-evaluation of my shares; simply my [illegible] N.Y. ask the registration of [illegible] of C.S.P. shares. [illegible] which I destroyed. Tel. [illegible] she is getting [illegible] days may [illegible] not by [illegible]. [illegible] M[illegible] about N.Y. correspondence. Made précis of Dickens [illegible] for Gilbert Talbot [illegible] out. The Wives [illegible] lunch A.H. [illegible] home [illegible] E. [illegible] Mr Dyer's brother here doing [illegible] of cabinet [illegible]. [illegible] up. Mr Dyer's brother [illegible] [illegible] lack of [illegible] taken [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Fired [illegible] [illegible] and. [illegible] [illegible] nature

telling of the wife's death. Betty came and talked to Richard and [illegible]

Peter + Marge [illegible] depicts

Bright sunny day. Perhaps not so cold.

Wednesday, February 3

up 7.40 Breakfast 9.15 Read papers. W. Seeley U.P.C. Garden City. Miss Mead, Tagore, Roger Bruce. C. had gone out to dressmaker. After lunch I did a bit of exercise and then walked to Green, Chemist in Brompton Road. Sun had sunk behind buildings but it was still a dry cold. Home by bus from Knightsbridge. To bed. Slept. Up 5.10 and tea. Copied letter to Bruce & London Library. Made drinks with oranges but not particularly successful. Dinner. C. got Sylvia Stuart for Luncheon per C. Wyndham next Wednesday by telephone. Music. Sorted photographs etc. Tried to get Millais drawing off its mount and made rather a mess of it and wasted an hour.

Left off writing as it seems indelible

Thursday, February 4

up 7.45 Malais drawing had sufficiently softened for ragged mount and paper back to be pulled off. Does not seem so cold. Spent morning writing to Ellen Keller & puzzling at patronising letter fr. S. P.S. Alumni secretary. Tel. to Boston Bank London branch for new cheque book as one I wrote to Boston for has not come. Out in cold sunny air to Jean in Brompton Rd for Peking and Heaven. Home C. had had her hair washed and had only just come in. Ida and her Pekinese had been waiting. Lunch very pleasant. Ida left soon C. & I to rest. up 3:30 for tea. C has got Hugh Ashton, Arthur Strutt and Claudia Wyndham for lunch next Wednesday. Did accounts for January. Simple dinner.

News after dinner - then I did more accounts — till 12.

make 5,30 and had
accounts on my
mind and hardly slept
again. Started work in my
room 10 o'c. Tel. Jake
name of short story book
recommended by Moura
"Someone like you" by Roald
Dahl. Tel. Brown skeleton
of chandelier will be ready
Monday. W. Jennings Nicholson
to support me for London
Embassy. Tel. Willis Allen
W. Frank Pepper, Chairman
Ch. Council p.c. Rubber Growers
Mrs. Hall of 1st Nat. Bank of Birm.
C. to luncheon wj. C.
Wyndham. 1 out 2 o'c
& lunch Tudor Arms. To
Harrods & got stamps &
changed C's cigarettes. To
Jones and left C's little
shagreen sewing case whose
scissors strengthened. Home. Read
Times. C. returned and back to
rest. out for paper. Accounts

Drinks. Drank accounts till 1.45

Saturday, February 6

Accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1952)

Woke very early and then slept dully fitfully till I heard Effie drawing the curtains at 7.30. Then I got up. Dull rainy day but not so cold. Looked at D. Mirror but not yet at Times: Queen being alarmingly mobbed by cheering crowds at Sydney, Australia. W. Fill in income tax return. Worked all morning on accounts. C. stayed in and worked on her writing again and soon returned to my accounts which I continued till 4.30 when I went to bed and slept. Tea 6. Out and bought paper. Pope a little better but seems likely that he will die. Not so cold. Worked on accounts. Drinks Dinner listened to news and looked at Times for first time today also Evening Standard

Worked on accounts till 12 o'c.

Sunday, February 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Wakeful early morning
alternating with
sleep. Up 8 o'c. Breakfast
about 10. Looked
at papers. Boy brought up
by Wray. Worked all A.M
on accounts. Have got
as far as May 1903 in
E.B funds. Lunch. Looked
at papers. Out to Clapham
Road. Millais house. [illegible]
[illegible] shop and another
antique shop. Interesting
buildings. Home 4 & bed &
6.3. [illegible]. Peter who
told of pay [illegible] Ramsay
[illegible] [illegible]. E & the
planned [illegible] lunch:
for Wednesday Feb. 17.
Worked on accounts &
Drinks. Dinner. News
Talk. Accounts. Finishing
addition of expenditure of
E-B inheritance since May 1902
amounting to £ 6347. 6.10

up 7.15 Puzzled
over

Monday, February 8

state
of the order of my
accounts blue grey medium
Did not get to breakfast
till 9. Asked Mrs
Burnham to do my room
before sitting room.
Worked on accounts.
C. out to see Nelly
St Germans recovering
from hygeene pouring
in her eyes prescribed
by [illegible] doctor
after operation for cataract
I went to Burns & saw
sketch of my crystal
chandelier [illegible] will
cost 75.0.0. Met C.
for lunch at Prunier 2.0.0
To Wildensteins Exhibition of
Pissarro Pictures. Met C laddie
[illegible]. Home rested. Accounts
Ginger drinks & dinner. Accounts

till 12.45

Tuesday, February 9

Misty warmer day. Up 7.45 very tired me. dry throat breakfast 9. Started again at work on accounts. Am getting the hang of things and swallowing a system. Tied up remnants of checks for C. w. [illegible]. C. out to her girls luncheon this time at Normandie instead of usual Center. [illegible] spends time and space appreciatively about [illegible] etc [illegible] to [illegible] and Louis. I went to lunch at [illegible] Had me Mc Tague who told me of [illegible] and [illegible]. He has continued [illegible], [illegible] chess, oranges at Jacksons stamps [illegible] and [illegible] back [illegible]. [illegible] then 6 o'c. She walks all the time on her back. I read paper and then worked on accounts till 8. Quick drinks. Dinner News. Worked on accounts till 11 o'c up 8 o'c. Started to try Tongue's neck and face exercises

Wednesday, February 10

Breakfast 9 o'c. C. will let her bank show me her early 19[illegible] account which she has destroyed. Worked on accounts. C. at [illegible] wines. Lovely day mild and sunny. Luncheon we. Leigh Ashton, Arthur Strutt, Virginia Thesiger, Claudie Wyndham. All went pleasantly. Eggi waited single handed but I dealt with wine. Claudie stayed some time after others. She seemed to have engaged herself. C. making great preparations for Cocktail party next Wednesday. Rested. Tea 5:30. To see Epstein. Says he is to be Knighted by Queen Mother next Tuesday. Three other men there to see him but I stayed on. He has so much work on his hands that [illegible] bust gets put off. Home. Back [illegible] Peter to [illegible]. Stuck by

his feeling for my Diaries; [illegible]; The
him if it is [illegible]

Up 7.30 Breakfast 9.

Thursday, February 11

C. Wyndham rang up at 9.20 to give me Lady Sparkey's address at 9 Royal Crescent Bath and to say she enjoyed luncheon yesterday. Posted address on to Mr Samuels. Spent morning on Granville Barker accounts & w. draft letter to Beaumont which I asked C. to approve which she would not being always sensitive about any pressure into her arrangements with him. But she had to admit that there were certain details that she could not explain or about which her memory was uncertain. To Drummonds after lunch and brought back Naples exhibition frames and the Smoking Vesuvius left as pattern for frame. Posted Tea. Worked on accounts. C. to Mouritz where she met Pietro. Bullinghams also there. Simply drank for me. Dinner. To set up Naples pictures

Worked on accounts till 12.15

Up 7.30. Letters from Till & Ruth

Friday, February 12

Ongthwaite which requires attention and spent morning writing with references. Also Tel. S.W. Calo Stoo about refrigerator. C out shopping w. Till. Worked trying to reconcile Westminster cheque bank vs. their accounts. Tel. Hamptons. C came back 1.30 w. flowers, rolls etc. for dinner. After lunch called Hamptons and saw Mr Hyde about Ambleside and Mr Mayor about Kingston House. Home and rested as sleepy that I thought it was morning. First part of Eggie and [illegible] C. and thought for some extra-ordinary reason they were talking at 6 A.M. Tea. Make drinks. Dressed. Butler from Searcy. Talbot and Butler waiters to dinner. Very pleasant. C. amused by Walton

told the N.Y. stories of Villa Emo also Cora and the result of presents

Up 7.15 Breakfast 8.30

Saturday, February 13

G. slept badly and felt too tired to go out. I struggled over my cheque book before break. and after until 4.45. Did not finish. Got accounts fairly in order. G. rested and we had tea soon after 5. I went out and got a paper and Mr. W. Shady Leathwaite and Hampstead and what with copies etc that, on until 7.45. Had simple drinks @ [illegible] [illegible] tel. G. says she has heard from Reginald Thesiger that poor dear Lady Secretary Kitty Fraser has cancer and cannot live a fortnight. After dinner a bit of news and music [illegible] [illegible] A.M. in reply to my letter that they want the [illegible] plan of Triangle High Park [illegible] and of Department [illegible] adhesive tape

Up 7.50 Breakfast 9.

~~Sunday~~ monday, February 14 5

Septuagesima St. Valentine's Day

Worked at papers
out early to C's Westminster
Bank and asked for
accounts for certain months
rep. She has arranged so that
I can work out her accounts
for the C.-B. whereas as I
have done for mine - Rapidly
diminishing in both cases. Left
prescription for Gout medicine
at Cullens. Got card board tube
at Rymans for H.P.G. garden
plan, w. Paddington estate say
it would like. Back to flat. No
dry milk. Out w. C. to Flemish
Exhibition and on to Scotts
for luncheon. Home and
water. Worked on my account
w. Boston bank with their
statements which arrived today.
Made cheques. After dinner
news and finished Boston
accounts. Weather has
turned sunless windy and
colder. My throat is not
right and my voice is still
weak. W. Rogle Walcatt

Dreamt a great deal. Woke
7.50 and Monday, February 15 got up
at once. Breakfast 9.15
Looked at papers but
quickly settled down to work
Letters [illegible] Ruth Smith
typed. W. Rogers [illegible]
[illegible] assignments [illegible]
with personal paper [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] W. Murray about [illegible]
lack of interest in C [illegible]
N.Y. [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] like him my [illegible]
to Mark Howe about Ralph
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
C. had gone out to have luncheon
at the Normandie w/ the girls
who proved to be only Ruth Briggs
and Gladys Robertson. I ate
[illegible] and a tongue sandwich
[illegible] [illegible]. Then to [illegible]
bourne Terrace and left
plan of Quadrangle [illegible] Park.
Called for E state agent. I
walked along Eastbourne Terrace
[illegible] flat. C. at stamps
in [illegible] St. Met Harry &
[illegible] in Sussex Place.
[illegible] rather dingy looking
Pullman [illegible] [illegible]. S[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] 31 H. P. C. Character of

WEDNESDAY
~~Tuesday~~, February 16

Dugout again disturbingly awake [illegible] frequently [illegible] slept till 7. Shortly Talbot called up C. & asked if she thought Walter Butterworth would [illegible] a [illegible] for dinner. She advised her to telephone them. C. went out to get her dresses and I got her to take my [illegible] comb to see if they could arrange her hair & [illegible] her to wear it. Later Virginia Butterworth called me up to ask for particulars of Talbot's. I told [illegible] to get a [illegible] American book Quotations from Phillips Brooks [illegible] Wells. I went to Cerro's for my gout medicine and left hair eczema prescription. C. got home after [illegible] with [illegible] help for party. Her hair dresser [illegible] wearing comb on [illegible] of [illegible]. Mixed drinks. [illegible]. Tea Cocktail party. Pinki, Martin & Alice Holman, Mrs. R. Younger, Miss de Jong, Ben Huebsch et al et al. Great quantity of drink

[illegible] dinner. [illegible]

[illegible]

Wednesday, February 17

Slept - Sundays late as Mrs Bachman does not come on Sundays and I always ask her to do my room on arrival at 9 o'cl. Sat long in dining room. Reading the Book on Art by Herbert [illegible]. C. tel. Peter but no answer, at about 11:30 as she thought both he and Stephen were out. Read review by George Trevelyan of book on Cavaliers and Roundheads both from same social class. After luncheon. Read papers [illegible]. Peter came to tea. Was still in bed this A.M. when C. called up but too tired to answer telephone. Discussed cocktail party that C. is planning for next Wednesday. Peter went home to dinner. I mended an old sheet - and took a long time getting to bed.

Up 7.45 Breakfast 9.15

Rec'd fr

Thursday, February 18

Miss Smith letters I sent her Feb. 16 to be typed, checked and signed after breakfast. Taking Cash medicine for my [illegible]. Rec'd + checked R's opening account fr. Westminster Brompton Sq. Tel Berry for more gin and ask them to have sent 4 bottles of gin at the party. Tel Walsh, Tailor. After lunch took my grey tweed coat to be made smaller. Got [illegible] [illegible] underground and back by tube to Knightsbridge. I bought a paper called Life in [illegible]. Rested. Got paper from a boy delivering [illegible]. C's [illegible] coat + skirt [illegible] arrived, seems nice, [illegible] the coat to process. [illegible] C.S.H. sending £2 10. C. to Mouret's where she met Nadia Benois who has come to live in London. I had a slight

drunk. After dinner copied my letter to Cathcart + [illegible]

Another mild gray day.

Letter

Friday, February 19

from Mrs [illegible] husband to which I replied with a post-card with suggestion of all "[illegible]" [illegible] Spent morning on letter to Genevieve about the Dudley problem. Catharine had written that J. is ill in hospital with prostatitis. C. went out for oyster soup luncheon at 3 cats and to cinema. I had a sandwich at Trevor Arms. Ordered 12 coffees at Harrods. Got [illegible] cakes at Gunters and grapes at Int: Stores and got stamps for Paul at Harrods. Home and rested. Started the whole C and still [illegible]. [illegible] Robertson called up. Nelly St Germans has had a fainting attack. Betty [illegible] comes to see [illegible] [illegible] Virginia [illegible] paper. Had drinks. Dinner. Then C. had a good telephone [illegible]

[illegible]

Up 7.15 – Breakfast 9.

Saturday, February 20

W. Murray Frakes
about Catharines $210.
Continued draft letter to
Genevieve. Out with C.
46 bus to Thelma Cazalets
flower shop foot of Sloane
St. C. ordered flowers to be
sent Monday to Kitty Fraser.
Back to Harvey & Nichols
where C. bought material for
two blue & white cotton
summer dresses. Then Woolworths
where I got black linen
thread. Home 46 bus. Dubonnet.
After lunch, mended set of slips in
[illegible] [illegible]. Read papers.
C. & I walked. Tea 5.15
[illegible] letter to
Genevieve. Made drinks
C. had a talk by telephone
with Virginia Thesiger who
says that Kitty had not
got cancer but a huge fibroid
tumour which weighed so
many years that operation to
[illegible]. After dinner I
continued letter to Genevieve

Awake early with one of my frequent dry uncomfortable throats. Got up and used atomizer. Finally

Sunday, February 21

Sexagesima

got up at 8.45. Breakfast 9.15 given by C. Read papers. Quotation in Observer fr. Robert Boothby who is helping to get new law on homosexuality. Says "What consenting adults do in private may be an issue between them and their maker, it is certainly not an issue between them and the government." Taxi to Curzon Street w. C. and luncheon w. Phyllis and Robin Whitworth, Nicholas Hannen and Athene Seyler. The Whitworths after luncheon monopolized conversation w. their grievances against Martin Browne and his friend directors of Drama League. Phyllis repeated at luncheon my present reference to T. S. Eliot as a homosexual and Athene Seyler indignantly denied it. Home rested. Slept from 4 to 5.30. Mounted cockatoo on blue card for Bobby's birthday. Tony Thesiger telephoned that Kitty Fraser has died in her sleep.

Drinks Hannen's [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] to a [illegible]

Monday, February 22

up 7 o'c. Lovely sunny day. Mr. Pagett's [illegible] thanks for luncheon and Tilling; I [illegible] Epstein's [illegible] up to May 14 1954. Took garden scissors to Jones to be mended and sharpened. Then by bus and on foot to get to Dingsbury when I [illegible] my [illegible] through Abbey Drake Face. Lost my way in wrong place and had to come [illegible] before I got there. Late for luncheon 25 minutes. Mr Alan Lubbock for luncheon next Wednesday luncheon. After lunch lectured Tony. Dictated letter to Cameron. Rested up and tea 5:10. Talk theology etc. with C. Worked on table of suits. Drinks. Dinner. Copied my letter to Cameron and sent it to Peta Smith

Up 7.30. — John called up about

Tuesday, February 23

9.45 to ask if Talbot Press had the sole right to print Lady Gregory. I thought not. Argued wi. C. over her payment to me of £816. Sept 1952 for ½ C.T.B. expenses. Ph. W. Pappie and Till about my agreement to pay Peter's stipend. C. out to lunch at Normandie wi Ruth L. & Casey K. and on to film wi Ruth L. in car. I had lunch Tavern Arms and then 73 bus to Stamford where I left Marcus Schuster watch to be mended and asked for photograph of Marble Place. Home tidied up bed and accounts. C. back. Have drinks. Dinner w. Somersets who appoint payment tomorrow for planting 3 trees front premises.

Worked on accounts

Woke 6 o'c with another but
only Wednesday, February 24 slightly
dry throat. Breakfast 9.
Letter fr. Mrs [illegible] Walker who
½ likes Maltese Smile again.
Letter fr: Bruce about cheap
editions. W. Bruce which
took me most of the
morning. W. Blank to
send the accounts to end
of Feb. Worked on accounts
before and after lunch
C. out shopping and not
back till 1.30. Worked
on changing her Italian
sampler pattern back
from oblong to upright.
Rested. Went on with pattern
after going out for a paper.
Drinks. Dinner. Finished
pattern 12.15. Not very
well done but it [illegible] 1.

Grey coat back fr Watson [illegible]
too big

Thursday, February 25

Up 7.30. Started at my desk at 9.45. Paid bills W. Pepper. W. Mrs Robins Williams. Costs letter to [illegible] typed for Pete Smith. C. to lunch. w. Nelly at [illegible]. Accounts. Out to lunch Swan Knightsbridge top of Sloane St. Came back too crowded. Left C's little box on her desk at Jones to have lid fastened. Left ferns at florists for hyacinths. talk. [illegible] in front of the shop about [illegible] [illegible]. Got grapes. Home through Brompton Church yard. Accounts. C. came back. Rested. Tea. Peter came and he and C went to Movies. I worked on accounts before and after dinner until 11.30. C. enjoys Peter's company

Friday, February 26

up 8 o'c Breakfast 9.15
Extraordinary case of Albert
Kemp who associated with another
woman and then strangled his
wife put his wife in a tin box
with a stocking tied round her neck
and then said it was an accident
and was acquitted and freed.
Worked on accounts till
lunch. C. out shopping
Pip came to lunch, says
Thetis's voice lacks resonance
and she is taking lessons to
correct this. J, left before
he did and took blotting
books to book dealer in
Little Russell St to be
reconditioned. Home 4 o'c
and rested. Analyzed accounts
spent C-B. money £4800. in
1952. Quick drinks before
dinner. Virginia Butterworth
telephoned to ask us to
lunch to meet Carmelita Olio
Sciammi who is appearing
without success in so called
Toulouse-Lautrec sketches but
C. is engaged. Dean Inge is
dead. Worked on accounts
till 11 30.

Up 8 o'c Breakfast
9.15 Saturday, February 27 h. S. A
papers continues
Eisenhower and Stevens
for surrender to McCarthy
over army questions. Fit
Y. Hampshire for account of
Lady [illegible] unawares.
to Miss C. for Chelton calendar.
Out w. C. by bus to exhibit.
of photographs of Venetian villas
by Palladio et al including
Villa Emo. Most interesting.
Home lunch 1.30. Worked
on accounts till 3.40 Rested.
up 4.40. Tea, mended
knickers. Accounts. Drinks
Dinner. News and concert.
Accounts till eleven. Finished
my accounts up to May '53
which I am stopping
until I get account from
Davis. C. still working
until after 1 o'c [illegible]
on Madame Solano. [illegible]
to bed about 11 o'c

Slept well. Up 7.15.

Sunday, February 28

Breakfast 9.45

Had washed my hair after putting on [illegible] last night's. Neguib back to Egypt as President with restored powers. Started to work on Q's accounts. 2 sets of accounts No 1 household etc wh. she kept to £200 a month. Lovely sunny mild day. Out and left invitation to dinner at Fakhri Mathias'. Foreign ministry says they are in Switzerland and returning in about a week. Was most happy with Nadia Bustros and her husband. Cut stocks for hyacinth. Thirsty and [illegible] Bohemian blue [illegible]. Music & eye exercise after. To bed early up 4.30 worked on accounts. Tea 5.30 and more accounts. Finally got Q's account for May 1952 correct. Drinks.

Quinquagesima

Q. [illegible] me [illegible]

Dinner. To bed 11 o'c.

Monday, March 1

St. David's Day

Up 7 o'c earlier than yes- and on [illegible]. Breakfast 8.30. Read papers. Great outcry against McCarthy's activities and blame for Eisenhower. W. Tells about my payments to Amberley Parochial Church Council. Struggle all morning over budget form for opening 43 C.B. accounts. Out 12.30 lunch Ath. Accosted by Bertram Lang who got in in January '54. Hair cut. Cut material Woollands to mend lining of my old coat. Home. Stitched a piece of material with ink making it a better match. E. came in after a pleasant ~~lunch~~ lunch. W. Dr. de Jong. She heard that Talbot [illegible] a farewell party to which I was [illegible] out at 9. Early tea. Read paper. Peter and Cynthia Butterworth to dinner & on to Cinema. Pleasant evening

Tuesday, March 2

Shrove Tuesday

Up 7 o'c Snow covered ground and trees W. Gregory for Rosa Smith + paid in Cb 4.0.0 for [illegible] before breakfast. Settled down to work before 10 o'c w. Kaaen Falconer and to Roger about him. W. Winton, w. Mrs Rabain Williams G. out to lunch w. Ruth Leigh + Gladys Robertson at Normandie. I had sandwiches + beer at Tower Arms and then went to see Dennys from whom I bought Chippendale mirror at Antique Dealers Fair. Nice things in his little shop in Gloucester Rd. Home started checking my Westminster a/c by statement just received. G. home + back to flat. Tea + finished checking w. account — Peter looked in after meeting Peter Cazalet's daughter at Gladys Robertson's and stayed to dinner. Spent evening mending my coat. To bed 11 o'c

Slept late. Breakfast 10 o'c

Wednesday, March 3

Ash Wednesday

Call from policeman who was looking for a deserter named Schulschmidt who was at Amberley House last September told him that Major Bailey was there then and gave his address. Worked on my mother's Salisbury investments. Got out sherry ordered more wine etc from Berry. Mrs Alan Lubbock to luncheon talked about Roger and Isabella. Muriel Cox came for her and stayed a few minutes. Got out and bought account book for C's accounts. C agreed luncheon pleasant and Mrs Lubbock perfectly [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. to W. Greenly to bank to transfer £500 to Officer's current account leaving £3,700. Drinks dinner. Started entering in C's a/c book.

Paid Emp. Ass. Insurance

Evening writing. bed. brought

Thursday, March 4

Pain in my wrist kept me awake most of night. Evidently not written enough but I must have sprained it when I caught knob that has come off telephone table. Up 8.15 ill and faint from pain shaving and dressing. Breakfast made me feel a bit better but I suffered all morning. C. out to hairdresser and shopping. I could not write so I went through pile of papers. Mr C. out from shop. [illegible] and [illegible] after. C. back and lunch about 2 o'c. Read paper Eisenhower hopefully cool comment on McCarthy. To out 3.15. [illegible] shop for hair. Up 4.30 Tea and A + 1 to Royal Society of Lit. [illegible] [illegible] in Times. Talk by Miss [illegible] and Mrs Woodham Smith on history and biography. Mrs W-S looks like Olive. Not so well [illegible]. C. went on to [illegible] birthday party. Came home. Bed.

Dreams of other dates keep [illegible] to [illegible]

Cold sunny day. Slept well

up 7.30 **Friday, March 5** but

very long time dressing

[illegible] of [illegible] pains in right

Not [illegible] at night but

curiously more difficult to

get than yesterday. Read

papers. McCarthy's legal

position very [illegible] of [illegible]

Constitution. Checked Hampton's

account which is all wrong!

Took C's ticket off to Davis

for [illegible]. Called [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] to say [illegible].

Called Daniells & dr [illegible] on

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of understanding

Called [illegible], all [illegible]

[illegible] bought [illegible] for C to [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible]

supper Dr. M. [illegible]. Got [illegible].

left C's hat at Branch and made

a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

again [illegible] [illegible] 4 oc

[illegible] not [illegible] for pain in wrist

and hand which must be gout

C had a pleasant day and came

[illegible] [illegible] & French [illegible]. Read

E. [illegible]. [illegible]. After

dinner out in [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Had bad night and slept a little
Saturday, March 6
Took away pain for a few minutes. After breakfast.
W. brief letter to Angela Whitcombe to say I would not read her stories about which Jakes & Mr Audrey do not agree [illegible] bad very unsympathetic. Out and left bottle at Green's for more gout medicine while I got grapes and daffodils. Called for [illegible] then walked home in a good deal of pain. Lunch. Read papers. To bed 2.30 but could not sleep. Up about 5 or 6. Very difficult and painful dressing and undressing. Read papers. Got drink for C. but thought it better not to drink myself. After dinner looked at Spectator and New Statesman. Richard Chancellor thinks great disaffection in Russia

Bed 11. Pain very bad

Slept well and late
Breakfast **Sunday, March 7** 11 o'c
Read papers. Shivery
for G. but none for *1st Sunday in Lent*
me. Music after lunch and
to rest early. Good nap
Tea 5.30. My wrist has
been better. Read weeklies
and glanced through T.L.S.
Peter came to dinner and
made Coventry [illegible] for G. After dinner he
read blasphemous passages
from [illegible] Cornish [illegible]
[illegible] and we looked up
account of Crucifixion in
gospels. Only St. John
tells of these [illegible] with
[illegible] in Psalms with
its reference to pierced hands
and feet Psalm 22. Peter
spoke of great works of art
inspired by Crucifixion.
[illegible] that [illegible] St. John's
[illegible] a little different,
[illegible] make [illegible]
and [illegible] the married woman-

mistress in his [illegible] as [illegible] upon
[illegible] as [illegible] these

[illegible] in the other

Monday, March 8

Lovely sunny day. Up 8.15
breakfast 10 o'C.
Read D. Munro good leader
and Cassandra. Letter about
titles from Mr Robert Smith
thought of Hammond Co.
Paid Mrs. Smith. C. out to
lunch with Claude Wyndhams
I paid bills etc till 2 o'C.
out saw Boyers Eugenie bed-
side cupboards at new antiques
shop next to Bonhams. Felt
would not accord with Nelly's
Japanese pictures. Looked at
Bonhams furniture for auction
Evidently one might pick up
bargains. Looked at adjacent
junk bar. Not good. Left
shoes to be reheeled at Cobblers
off Thurloe Square. Looked for bed-
side cupboards all along
Brompton Road & shops. Long
time at Clara [illegible]. Home
rested. Up 6 o'C. Dressed for Concert
Early dinner. Festival Hall. Concert
arranged with Horatio on his arm.

Brahms Tuneful symphony: walk across
[illegible] [illegible] in winter Some cheat[illegible] field

Slept well but diarrhoea perhaps result of

Tuesday, March 9

[illegible] Stilton last night. Read papers. Talk Roger who wants my shares for Rodney. Said [illegible] must have first claim. Read papers. A lot of current accounts and settled down to write to Mrs Rabbe Williams who is getting to expect more than I like to give. Out to lunch [illegible] and looked at Empress Eugenie's bedside cupboard. Might do. Hours and [illegible] weighing of my bedside lamp. [illegible] insurance papers without much success. Came back after pleasant good luncheon. [illegible] back. [illegible] bed. To Rest. I [illegible] read Evening Standard. Much of night spent in [illegible]. Went for [illegible] Mrs R. Williams. Made draft to Dinner. Finished Mrs R. Williams

Woke 7.45 Breakfast
9.30. Wednesday, March 10 Read
papers. Started letter to
Hamptons about Beekman's
tenancy. Mr Staggs called
and we went over Prop.
Leas. Ins. papers [illegible]
all not [illegible]. E. out
to get flowers etc for
her party tomorrow. Went
on with Hampton letter.
Foaming omelette for lunch.
Went to see orthopedic man
Dr Burns. Very nice
middle aged [illegible]
Jew. Says he could put
my toe joints right by
operation but they may get
bad anyhow. He married
Rev. [illegible]'s daughter and
is interested in California
[illegible]. To see Dunn
[illegible] he may feel
an old champagne [illegible]. Eat
grapes. Told shop to send
Empress E. dress & table on approval
[illegible]. T.E. W. [illegible]

Dinner: Dinner. Not very [illegible]

[illegible]

Up 7:45 Positively hot sunny day.

Thursday, March 11

Daily Mirror Palm Walters insults Eisenhower on front page for his timid weakness & incompetence. W. Mrs Robert Williams who apologises weakly for not following my friend's advice. Out and got flowers for G. who was having ladies luncheon party. Virginia Butterworth, Mrs de Long, Mme Steers (Dutch Ambassadress) Antoinette, Gladys Robertson, Ruth Leigh. To Athenaeum for lunch. Nancy G. [illegible] her party. Rested. Tea. Read columns & paper. G. to Moncas's when she [illegible]. I finished revising and copying letter to Hampton's. Left draft for myself. G. home late dinner. Posted letter to Hampton - for Ruth Smith's [illegible]. Peter [illegible] mentions in a telephone talk that McCarthy has got radio time to answer Stevenson [illegible] is weekly [illegible] visit.

up 7.15. Another lovely Spring day. Diarrhoea better. Tel. Davies who says hot water getting C's bath set wired will be £3.2.0 and electric Co.

Friday, March 12

Consulted C. Lady and decided to have it well and permanently done and I will pay for it as I gave her the set in the first place. C. went out in her dove garnet tweed coat and skirt to see about having the material we bought at Jaegers with Stephanie made up. Empress Eugenie [illegible] has come in apparently and C. thinks it charming so I am getting it. Drew £16 out and paid for it and got a little pink and my shoes reheeled by [illegible] shoe cobbler. Home lunch. Finished letter to Angela Whitworth about her short stories. Rested. To Butterworths cocktail party wi: C. & wi: Pellew who came home to dinner. C. quite [illegible]. Bed 11.

Saturday, March 13

Up. 7.15. Cooler grey day
Sat down to work 10.30
w. Mrs Dakin Williams
& White Heather, Laundry
not returned. Later, it
came at 12.30. Spent
morning writing to Mrs R.W.
and then Frances Falconer.
which I also later typed
after lunch. Rested. Read
Laning Air Liner disaster
at Singapore. Worked
on my Egyptian accounts
made drinks. Went for
dinner and went wr. E
to John van Druten's new
play "I am a Camera." I
finished my accounts for
February. I spent evening
reading Angela Whitcombe's
short stories — some dramatic
effect but no distinction —
drafted letter to her. G. very
late. Watched by the window
for her taxi in the rain from
11 to 11.30 when I saw her coming

Sunday, March 14

2nd Sunday in Lent

Seemed to have had my sleep out by 9 o'c but dozed and read till 8.15 Read papers. McCarthy may be losing his grip. Started letter to Genevieve Grey cool day. Dubonnet before lunch. Out after and walked to V. & A. Museum arrived about 2.10 and not open till 2.30. Then tried to find early English typefaces without success but saw fine English furniture that I have often seen before. Seems to me very badly arranged all mixed up so that one cannot get good idea of any particular time or period. Home read. Tea and went on with letter to Genevieve. Drinks dinner. News. Rebuffs to McCarthy. Returned to Genevieve's letter and finished it. Recommend Feb 12'

Up 7 o'c Another cool gray
day. Monday, March 15 Sat
down at my desk 9.30
Sent letter to Hampden
questionnaire of their statement
of Cathedrals. Tea an egg.
Spent morning on C.B.
accounts. Seem to have
spent more than was avail-
able. C. went out shopping
and to pick up lunch.
Mr Dyers brother came to get
work and keep to [illegible] to
chest but not very successful.
I had lunch. Tues. Arms. Cut
grapes 1st Stow & left baths
at Greens for gout. meanwhile
home. C. had begun with
daffodils. Rested. Tea.
More C-B accounts. Make
drinks. Ashley Dukes and
Miriam Rambert and
Ustinov and Nadia Benois
to dinner. All Bohemians
together. Ustinov noticed our
furniture and silver and
[illegible] appreciated. Mention
Rothschild about the last of

The C. D. Lattle

Up 8.15. Posted letter to
Annie Tuesday, March 16 Falconer
Received typed from Ralph Smith
Daily Mirror comes out right
- that Winston Churchill
is worse. W. Hamer Falconer
Checked C. B. accounts May - Dec
1952 and finally got it
correct. Out to Beeman's
lock people and left
lock for new key.
Lunch Marylebone High St.
Bought grapes. Home
4.15 and slept. Tea
6 o'c. C & I to drinks
with Alan Rubbock Yvonne
Ray. Roger and Martin
Bill Daddy enlarged and
walking. Moyra Fraser
Vast Mallerloins. Peter
at K.H. when we got
home walking back.
Gave Peter drink. He has
cold coming on & I gave him
Exhibition. I worked on accounts

slight heart attack as I was
walking along at

woke with pains in left side which may be heart. Difficulty getting out of bed and dressing, but able to do my bath exercises as usual. C. to hair dresser and on to lunch with Kathy Lugh (Lee) Signed & posted letter to [illegible] typed by Ruth Smith to Mrs Robin Williams who has sent me her revised MS. Worked on accounts. Lunch at Trevor Arms and got heart medicine in Sloane Street Coopers who made it up before. Buses both ways as I didn't feel well enough to walk. Antoinette at Ruth Lee's and Sally Ward. C. brought back flowers for tomorrow. Rest 3.45 and C. called me at 6. We had a very early dinner and went to a lovely burlesque of the 1920s "The Boy Friend". Pain in my side better. Perhaps it was the heart medicine or perhaps it was not heart!

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Got up a little before 7: and worked

Thursday, March 18

a bit in dining room before they did my room. Pain in left side better. Spent most of morning straightening C. B. accounts & staggering what C & I have spent. Cut out wine. Gus and Celia Coates Blanche Klagg and Orme Sargent to lunch all very pleasant in a homey cosy sort of way – nothing particularly brilliant. Worked on accounts for a bit after lunch when they had gone all seeming happy. Sister not deeply, worried about Easter'. After tea and after dinner worked on accounts and got them pretty much into order

Friday, March 19

up 7.15 Grey mild day
Read papers Paid bills
Worked on my accounts
all the morning completing
closing of C. B. inheritance
to date. C. went out
shopping. After lunch I
went to American Embassy
and had my signature
witnessed for Hans
Falconer's proxy. Called
Burne who had got some
more old arms for
my chandelier. Bought
grapes. Home and rested
4-6. Read E. Standard
regarding Montague Case.
Maura sent round to
Wallace some food. Pete
to dinner. W. Hans F's
lawyer Schiff enclosing
proxy. Paid tithe. Gave
Peter whiskey. Worked
on accounts. Bed 11.30

Wakeful in early morning and then

Saturday, March 20

slept 5-8 when I got up.
Breakfast joined by C. Read papers. Prosecution seems to have weak case against Lord Montague and his friends. Spent morning on accounts after going out for stamps and to post Hamin Falconer's proxy to Schiff. C & I out in light rain to revival of famous old film Mutiny on Battleship Potemkin. Very moving like seeing tragic history. Stayed on for a bit of Jean Cocteau's [illegible] film. Home bus and rested. Tea 6 o'c. C. went on with her Madame Solano and I went on with C. B. accounts. Quick drinks before dinner. Music and review of Graves' book on Gospel story.
I spent evening studies analyses of C. B. expenditures in 1953! To bed 12 m.

Sunday, March 21

3rd Sunday in Lent

up 7.15 Mild grey day. Breakfast 8.45 Read papers. Spent morning on C. B. accounts and completed analyses to date of my share. Now I must turn to C's. Dubonnet before luncheon Phyllis Whitworth came to luncheon and we had a pleasant talk. Both she & B. are ready to let fall unfavourable remarks about Selyn C. B but they restrain themselves before me. She wants me to try to help get Robin into Athenaeum. It seems that Geoffrey's lawyer T. Cannon Brookes whom she left professed him and is now keeping him out. To rest. Cheque for £300. from Peter dropped through door. Tea. Cheques &c. Peter. Cheques for C. & Lloyds Amended. Sent cheque to Westminster. Freda had cooked in [illegible] C. after having tea with Lady Jain [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

Tippy. She had tea with me: Fulfords to hear Billy Graham. Drinks dinner. Read

Up 7.30 Grey mild day
Breakfast Monday, March 22 90°E
Read papers. Started work on
C's C-B. accounts. Hatfield
called for Regency little table &
Empress Eugenie bed-side
cupboard to be restored.
Worked on accounts. C. & I
to lunch Lahiers with Harold
and Vera Bowen. Not exciting
but all very friendly. C & I &
walked in at Barnes and got
grapes at Davies St grocer.
Taxi home. Rested. Tea
accounts. C. to Moores in
short mink cape. I was
fearful of a snatcher.
Eager thief. Drink for
myself. C. home safely.
Dinner. News. Nap.
Worked on accounts in my
room while C. was on her
book in sitting room.
I have pains and cramp
in chest and generally
feel poorly. To bed early
hoping to get rested.

Up 7.30 Breakfast 8.45

Tuesday, March 23

Read papers. Judge and Counsel seem to favour defendants in Montague's homosexual case. Settled down after breakfast to reading Mrs Robin Williams's book. G. went out to [illegible] and on to the Ladies' Luncheon at Carlton's. I had luncheon at 2 o'c at Travers Arms. On my return I went on with the novel which Mrs Robin Williams has certainly improved. G. came back and we both went to rest at 3.30. Mild pleasant day. Up and tea at 5.30. Jules came to see me about 6.0'c. He was most gloomy and sulky about business & but bright amusing and unattractive about everything. Says Sally Sessions is a monster and maintains that all men are in love with her. He doubts if this marriage of hers to [illegible] will ever come off. Dubonnet. Why have I said that. After he left

[illegible] of oranges. After dinner read the answers

[illegible] The Cocktail [illegible] Read Mr. S novel.

Up 7 o'c. Finished breakfast
9.30. Wednesday, March 24 W.

Charley to have Pike mow lawns again this summer. Tel. Berry to send Dubonnet with the gin & sherry this P.M. Finished Mrs Raper Williams' novel and wr. her. C. to lunch wi. C. Wyndham. Lunch Athenaeum. Cashed cheque for £6. Bought stamps & grapes. C. came in soon after me and we both went to rest. She had engaged her luncheon and met a dull Lady Adams. Soon after tea I went to see Epstein. He cannot or will not do H. C. unless he has finished Smuts. Said he would like me to come one morning to his studio. Worked on accounts. Drinks. Dinner. News, music & word puzzle. To bed soon after eleven. Heart sensations better

Thursday, March 25

QUARTER DAY *(Lady Day)*

Woke 5. Naps until 7 when
I got up.
Montague, Pott-Pearce to
breakfast all summoned to
[illegible]. Quaked again at
Mrs R.W.'s grace and decided
to advise her to send back
that supply of small beer.
C. out to Harrods. I took
Ms. back to Mrs Raban Williams
and gave her my final advice.
Home 1 o'C. Lunch. Worked on
accounts. C. off to rest and
slept well. Tea 5.30. Worked
on accounts. Made big drink -
Dinner. News. More trouble
in Egypt. Discussion in
Parliament over Sponsored
Television. Finished C's
accounts for June 1952.
Am feeling no more pains in
heart-region after finishing
bottle of Jenner Hawkins
heart medicine, but I am
not at all sure that the
pain had anything to do with
my heart. May have been rheumatism

Friday, March 26

Woke 5 o'c and could only doze after. Got up 7.15. Bramah lock returned wi key which fits three top drawers but not two lower drawers. Put back lock on top drawer and took off one of bottom locks and sent it to Bramah for another key. E. going to lunch with Ep. He spoke of Thetis who has never come to see Gladys since she gave her magnificent diamond brooch. Checked Co. bank statements for May & June '52 w. my account. Out to lunch Trevelyan Arms. 46 Bus to A & N. Stores. Got 2 pr blue socks & Sodium Chlorate tablets. Posted Tech Rev. to John Baugman and 2nd lock of desk to Bramah who have returned 1st lock w. key. No drawers or vests there. To Regent Arc and got another pair of blue socks & 2 pr drawers wh. fitted by big. Home tired. Tea. Dinner. Worked on accounts.

Saturday, March 27

Lay awake early A.M. & got up tired at 7 o'c. Out soon after breakfast. Mild clear sunny day. Changed drawers for smaller size in Royal Arcade. Home and worked on C's accounts. Peter to lunch and Iola Carrick and gave them Dubonnet. After luncheon listened to Grand National. We all lost but C made a bet on 3rd horse & lost on Mariner £1-0-0 Peter 4-6. and felt bitter-ly and finished accounts for July 1952. Made drink for C. I have no appetite for food. Copied July sub- C's account book. C's Barry fees as I have done at once & always getting discount. Painting the girl from white of little Italian water colour like an old master that Peter gave to C lady for Christmas. Worked on C's accounts till 11-30 and as usual could not make my additions agree no [illegible]

Slept well. Roused about 6:30 and dozed

Sunday, March 28

till 7.15 Maple syrup and wheatbix for breakfast. Read

4th Sunday in Lent

Papers. S. Times editorially agrees w. Boothby on Montagu case that acts committed in private by consenting adults are no concern of government. Question to be asked in House who gave police warrant to search premises of accused. Continued C's accounts going faster. After lunch finished September 1952. Out for brief walk in Park by Serpentine. Lovely afternoon. Park certainly a great blessing. To bed 3.30 Tea 6. Worked on C's accounts. Made rum drink w. lemon and maple syrup instead of honey – even better more flavour. After dinner news and then I went on with C's accounts finishing November 1952. Mostly household expenses.

Up 7 o'c. Washed hair -
Tel. Hy. Smith
Monday, March 29
to re-
place fuse strip light over
big picture. Breakfast 8.45
Tel. E. G. Fairholme, inviting him
to luncheon next Saturday.
Says he has not been well this
winter, nor, I said have I. Spent
morning getting out C's December
accounts completing 1952
Luncheon. Gladys Robertson has
been seeing Gladys Tebb who
says Brian Urquhart very able.
Out to International Stores in
Brompton Road and bought
some of the very nice S. African
green grapes. Rested. Harry
arrived fr. Hy Smith and
renewed picture light. Gave him
2/6. Tel. C. to N. Burras and
met theatrical & film people
I worked on accounts and
made myself a drink. C.
came back for dinner 7.45
& listen to Brahms on radio after
I spent evening on her accounts

Tuesday, March 30

Up 7 o'c. Lovely early
morning.
W. S Dorsett about Shaun
Cyprus and asking him to
lunch. W. Mrs. Wickham
about her visit to London
in May and my shares.
Sent it to Rita Smith to
type. Copied C's Jan accounts
Walk thro' Park to quick bar
Ken. High St. for lunch. Eat over
ripe grapes. Bot. stores for 2.4
Bus home. accounts. C's
dressing table set returned fr.
Davies re gilded. She came back
from pleasant luncheon Antonelli's
Vera Bowen, Lady Sysonby, Celia
Coates. To rest. Tea 5:30
accounts. Made drinks. Ice
cream for dinner. Listened to
news. Went on with accounts
and finished Feb 1953. Getting
pain in my back sitting at
my desk in upright chair.
Perfect spring day. Sun and
slight sprinkles of rain. Almond
and Forsythia also fruit blossom.

Suffered so from Oat- [illegible]
itching Wednesday, March 31 in early
morning that I got up at 5.30
and put on Athletes Foot salve
and got to sleep [illegible] 7.45.
Breakfast 9.5 orange, tea and
a crust of brown bread & honey
Great row in H. of C. because
America has not told England
about [illegible] Bond Steele
though she has air stations all
over England. I ask copy of
Penny Imperial of Alex Caple who
wants to read it on her trip to
Portugal flying today. Nora C.
out to lady dresser lunch &
Anna. Tel. Mr. Maddox who
said last Oct. that he would
like to come to see us. He
[illegible] to get the reed-[illegible]
[illegible] W. Angus Bourchard
telling his court- Pete & Alex
Sandwiches & beer at Tudor Arms
Sun & shower. W. Bruce.
C. came back from her dresser
[illegible] & cream & looking
radiant. her bath went to set
Tex accounts: drinks, flowers
to dinner: G. took [illegible]. Alan to

Thursday, April 1

R. slept badly after shock of her broken tooth & bridge & I got to bed at 10 o'c & woke early as usual. up 7.15. D. Mirror's fight [illegible] Churchill's inability to deal w. America's new Hydrogen Bomb. Sent typed letter to Miss Wilkinson who expects to come to London in May. Sent ½ yearly dividend of £67.15. to Bank. Tel. fr. Hampstead Mr Mayor about Lady Garthwaite's Tenancy. C. out shopping. Lunch home. C. took me in taxi to Boots in Wigmore St which she sent on to Pax who built up her remaining teeth, whose bridge has collapsed, leaving gap but [illegible] of [illegible] I got fresh lot [illegible] [illegible], got stamps. Walked on to Bunnie's. They have got a new [illegible] and are [illegible] up [illegible] chandelier. Got grapes & home. C. soon came in. Relieved about her teeth. Rested. Tea. Accounts. To send Peter. To Fawcett's [illegible] [illegible] & Lady Rothermere & Anthony & a [illegible]

Mc Murtrie? Home dinner. Cecil home early.

Accounts. Posted letter to Miss Wilkinson

Woke 4 a.m. w. itching of my
Cat ringworm Friday, April 2 spots
and hardly slept again. Got
up and put on salve which
was a relief. W. Angela Whitcomb
about her Short Stories
W. Burns about Chandler
having ladies to lunch.
Antoinette & Anne Langston
arrived before I went out.
Office with Freda and Gladys
Wyndham. I had lunch
at Athenaeum snack counter
looked at papers. To Kings
in Oxford St and bought
stone for sharpening razor.
C. had not gone to Guest-John
I came in about 4. Lunch
a little dampened by fact
that Anne Langston was a
bit too old and low mentally
to contribute anything but
she seemed pleased to be here
and asked C. to come to lunch
with her. C. & I to rest up
and tea 6 o'c. Accounts
before and after dinner. Peter
called for his gloves that he

my forgetting, Drinks before dinner

— bed 12 m.

Dull raining morning 9° Slept
well, up Saturday, April 3 7.15
Read papers at breakfast.
Mild damp day. Worked
on C's accounts, going quicker
C & I out. Took athletes
foot salve prescription to
Evans. C. got samples to
cover Ambeley sofa but I
say the old cover could
be dyed. I hurried home
first to be ready for
Edward. Got daffodils on
way home. Cut best sherry
and jellies were left fr.
C's luncheon yesterday.
Edward much aged and
crippled with rheumatism
Quite cheerful but talked
a good deal of his troubles
All his children happy
and prosperous but neither
Ian nor Rosemary have any
children. He left soon after 3.
C & I rested. Tea accounts.
Completed Dec 1953 after
dinner. Had done this before

Slept well up 7.45
Read papers at
Sunday, April 4
breakfast and after.

5th Sunday in Lent

Pain in back that I have
after had and associate
with alcohol. Worked
on C's accounts for Jan.
No 1 account over drawn
which made it difficult
Heating system has broken
down. Radiators cold
and it has given C an
attack of catarrh. I went
out for walk round
Longhermore Gardens. Mild
and grey. Gave C. sherry
but did not have any last-
I took usual beer for
luncheon. Accounts after
lunch. Long rest. Tea
60°C. Read papers. Great
talk of hydrogen bomb
and of French fortress
besieged in Indo China. Accounts
Gave C. gin & orange but
took nothing myself. Have
worked on accounts and got

January right at 11.45

Monday, April 5

Up 7.15 — Read papers
W. Mrs Graham Williams, don't
like title "Once upon a Time"
Better "No Cold Heavens" with
quotation from poem as title page
or fly leaf. Worked accounts
Tel. Dr. Rich Frederick about prices
of his engravings. Says Freddie
& Michael getting good weight; Mrs
Dawson has been very ill. Finished
Feb. 1954 C. out to Wanamaker
Letter fr. T. Haller Putnam 6%
dividend for '54. Acknowledged.
After lunch. To Scaffolds and
decided on restoration of
Empress Eugenie's cupboard and
Regency table. To old book dealer
in Little Russell Street & got
another blotter that they had been
keeping. Got grapes from
fruiterers; stamps at P.O. and
my brass clock from Mr Fenn
of Commander Cycles. Home 22 bus
back to flat at 4.20. Tea 6
Read Standard. Accounts.
Made drink for C. After dinner
worked on C's accounts and

Completed March 1954

Wake 6. Got up tired at 7.45

Tuesday, April 6

Read papers at breakfast and after. D. Mirror brilliantly and cruelly shows up Churchill's deplorable failure to deal like a national leader with the hydrogen bomb debate. Tel ~~[illegible]~~ Hatfield to put glass top on painted cupboard. Wrote up March accounts in my private account book. April sunshine and showers. Through Brompton Church-yard to Green's chemist & left prescriptions for Athlete's foot salve, hair lotion and hair salve and heart medicine. Lunch Brown's with Roger Kuppeck. Promised him letters for Boston & N-Y. To Augustus John Exhibition. Some splendid painted portraits and innumerable marvellous drawings & etchings. Got 3 in 1 oil for razor stone. Ice cream Passage [illegible] & C + L to start. Evening papers tell of [illegible] [illegible]

against Churchill except Parliamentarians Expec

Cold bright morning. Up 7.15
Sharpened Wednesday, April 7 my dull
Wednesday razor on the stone
that I bought on Friday
Read papers. Talk Burke about
my glass chandelier that he
is making up with stem of
old [illegible] and two old gems
and one new arm that he has
had made to match. Spent
morning [illegible] [illegible]
with American introductions
Thekla Blocker to lunch. Advised
her to consult a throat and nose
specialist for traces of catarrh
that I diagnose but that she
did not suspect. Got to
rest. Tea about 6 o'c. Read
evening paper. Then got to
see Peter's flat which he
really has arranged with
great dignity. Stephen came
in and we talk about political
education he showed himself
a clear conscience true [illegible]
Peter was much more liberal
and intelligent as a result of
Summerhill language in [illegible]
Home by taxi. [illegible] [illegible]

(Cards made. Mended trousers.

In bed 11-30

Woke round about 5.30
as usual Thursday, April 8 dozed
& dreamt until 7.30 when
I got up. Read papers. Spent
morning writing to Tommie
Northampton Lodge about
my share in Mr Beatty's pound
Co & Wm. E. Dwyer. To lunch
with Mr Somerset at Athenaeum
where the noise in the coffee
room was terrible. I was
quite exhausted with everyone
yelling to make themselves
heard. He is resigning from
Putnams on account of his
wife's health. He has little
confidence in Roger's manage-
ment. 14 bus to Brompton
Rd. & bought grapes, ribbon
for Beatty, bananas, envelopes
and got prescriptions at
Greens. C. had luncheon with
Sir Cly., Pam Beatty there.
Home in for Tea. Peter called
and I gave him some notes
re. resignation from Royal Society
of Literature. C. to Dolores's.
I read evening paper and
worked on letter to Dwyer before
and after dinner

woke again early but slept again between sixes [illegible].

Friday, April 9

Breakfast before 9 and then read papers which took me till about 10.30. G. went out shopping and did not get back till about 1.15. Spent morning copying out letter to Dr [illegible] which I sent to Pete Smith to type: wrote p. C. to lawn mower people and tel. Thatcher to call next Tuesday at Amberley. W. Church out after lunch lovely spring day but got very tired simply walking through Brompton Churchyard and buying grapes daffodils stamps and ordering [illegible] tablets at Crews where the dispenser say that my prescription that he put up is correct for gout. Home until tea. Evening papers. Dined and dinner [illegible]: G. [illegible] noted 3 weeks ago but only [illegible]

Parker, W. M. Norman Pyttle (Betty Dick's is daughter) C. S. Cambaules [illegible] Lancaster in

Lt.-Col. Elliott: Vere is Bennett [illegible] is

Wakeful again in early
morning Saturday, April 10 but dozed
enough [illegible] before [illegible]. Another
lovely spring day. W. letter to
Till asking if I could get
permission to send money to
America to save the family house
at [illegible] but advised not to
send it at present. C & I out
to walk in Park before lunch.
Looked at weekly papers
after C & I went. After tea
worked on figure of Peter
with Poussin? water colours
great difficulty in the painting
but think I put in under and
it over dried this time I think do
it with [illegible] [illegible] it
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that I couldn't get it [illegible].
made strong drink for C. &
me. After dinner there
was a big parade of [illegible]
[illegible] office. Took out drawing
of head of bearded warrior that
I thought I would use for Peter
but very [illegible] sketchy [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Found at 11 that it

[illegible]

[illegible]

To bed last night by
the two Sunday, April 11 times
which meant one o'c instead
of 12, and slept well Palm Sunday
nearly up to 9.30 and
breakfast 10.30. Read papers
good reviews of Putnams [illegible]
[illegible] book by
Trevor Roper and Harold N.
to make up for Crossmans
complaint by [illegible] in
New Statesman. Walk in
garden in sun and daffodils
After lunch addressed
envelopes for staff Easter
tea. [illegible] to rest and
slept well. After tea opened
[illegible] by packets of [illegible]
[illegible] some good but
mostly disappointing. [illegible] draft
letter to Simone. Made
drinks. Peter and Stephen
Daneff to dinner and talk
after. Do not think Peter
is benefiting by association
w. Daneff [illegible] two languages
when he ought to be English

Misty mild day. Woke C.
up at 7. Monday, April 12 After
breakfast got porters to
take only 2 parcels of us going
down to the lobby and bring
up our car. [illegible] Tales
sleep until call at 5:30. C.
got Miss Michael to let us
have C. J. Murrows [illegible]
at 7 to-night. Wrote out and
signed my letter to Jimmie. C.
to lunch with Ruth Lee and
Antoinette and went after to an
N. John picture again. I
went to bank and got money
St Martins including [illegible]
tips for staff, all clean notes.
Got stamps & posted air letter
Jimmie & Mr [illegible] Cherry at
at P. O. Lunch at house after
got [illegible] Phillips, got paint
and things 66 Russell St. [illegible]
tickets Cooks. 22 bus to
Knightsbridge. Bought grapes.
home. Rested. John called at
my request and I tried to en-
courage him about his work
while Roger away. Returned

[illegible]

up 7.15. Cloudy sunny day. Tuesday, April 13 Spent morning collecting and packing things for Amberley. Mrs Lemmey and Effie left at 11.30 taking some of my suit cases. St. H. to her dress. I telephoned Miss Sibley and got address of Mrs Guy Jeffries who is going to take Miss Wilkins about. Mrs Barker left at 12. She will come in every day and look after flat. W. Mrs Guy Jeffries inviting her and Miss Wilkinson to come for a meal at Kingston Hill or Amberley. W. Miss Wilkinson and Queenie C. whom I met at Trevor Arms. Got flowers for Miss Michael at London Office. Sent Miss Wilkinson's letter to Ruth Smith to type and included a letter to Harold Falconer

Packed last things. Made tea. Taxi to Victoria & 5.45 to Amberley. Met at plat by Claydon. Drinks.

unpacked. Dinner.

Amberley. Woke early but stayed ~~at~~ in bed

Wednesday, April 14

rather than get up into a cold house before the maids had

Hilary Law Sittings end

made fires. Up & turned on electric kettle at 9.30 and back to bed. Up again when water was boiling and switched to electric fires which warmed room for dressing. Bath water not hot for long as I let my exercises. Sat in sitting room till 12 when there were drawn fires. Out and joined C. [illegible] Sunny Spring day. C. gathering daffodils. Hung my [illegible] St. J.'s [illegible] in cottage where it used to be before the evacuated children smashed it up. They had got [illegible] for [illegible] and been [illegible] at luncheon. Talk [illegible] & Nowell. Paid Drains bill after lunch. Odd jobs. To rest about 3. Up at 5. & tea. Flanaham [illegible] of Felpham morning caller. C. to Violet who is suffering from muscular atrophy. 6. before tea for mowers. [illegible] called about [illegible] 5 - C came back and [illegible]

Lovely daffodils & [illegible]. [illegible] dining

Saw [illegible]. Fire in drawing room

[illegible]. Darkie flannel [illegible]

Thursday, April 15

Maundy Thursday

Woke 6. Dozed till 7 when I got up. My bath was hot but not C's in a different system. Gloomy cool day. C. out and about garden. I read papers and then settled down to checking my account by bank statement which arrived today. Lit fire in hall and under bath. Went to look at my clock in cottage and found it had stopped. I tried to set it and hand dropped. Fear it will have to go to clockmaker. Luncheon. Studied my C-B. accounts of C. & myself which I must now analyse. Fires low and felt very cold. C. & I got out silver bowl for dining room table. To rest where I felt warm which seemed more important than sleep. Dined for a change in town clothes. Peter arrived in new Ford car which he has bought for £600. Tea. C. talked about Dore Century. Read letters to Miss Wilkinson and Jean Falconer which came typed from Mrs R-Smith by P.M. post. Made drinks before dinner. Worked on Ambally accounts after

Friday, April 16

Good Friday

Dreamt so realistically seemingly most of the night that I thought I was awake. Water very hot for baths: I had dealt with the kitchen boiler last night. Breakfast 9.15. No daily papers so read Spectator. Out to shed and found a big bundle that may contain the last of Helen's Carpets. Lovely sunny day but cold wind. To cottage and studied furnishing which certainly could be improved but requiring much thought. Spent a large part of morning getting pictures to hang in sitting room and hall. Peter washed his car and then, at 12.45 took G out for a long run. My little hanging clocks in cottage definitely will not go. After lunch read New Statesman. At last a good fire in hall. To melt glue to mend C's little tiny box but it merely turned to [illegible]. Waited till 3.45 to start my little [illegible]. Peter & I got out carpet [illegible] in North room. To bed but could not sleep. The Clock still going. [illegible]

telephone bill. Tried to find [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible]

Another bright cold day. Out to cottage after breakfast and found my

Saturday, April 17

clock stopped at 1.15. Read paper McCarthy delaying Schine case. Spent morning trying to get Amberley accounts straight. C. out to see garden and woods. Peter to Brighton in his car. Out for a brief stroll just before lunch. Had spent a good deal of time during morning checking fires in hall and setting some. Peter came back about 2.30 Brighton crowded. C. phoned nice letter of thanks for the Easter card and offering from Sigmund [illegible] and [illegible]. Worked on accounts after lunch. Usual rest rather deeper than usual. After tea Peter took C. over Viola! I sent a copy of Exercise in the Bath on loan as a possible suggestion for relieving her [illegible]. C. gave it to her just as a doctor called and he naturally did not recognise it. I wanted to make good fires in dining room and [illegible] my only bottle of [illegible] Cokes. Made drinks. Quite exhausted when guests came John, Rickie & Duncan Mathias.

Diana had [illegible] to me at [illegible] the [illegible] came [illegible]

[illegible] D. [illegible]

Woke 4 & slept and dreamt
deeply after

Sunday, April 18

5. Lovely
sunny but cool. Exiting
C. gave me box of chocolates

Easter Day

and beautiful Easter card of
the Annunciation by Carlo Crivelli
in the National Gallery, and
gave Peter card & chocolate Easter
Egg. Also eggs to 3 maids.
We all went to church. Sermon
by Bishop on Sleeping Beauty.
Greeted after church by Arthur
Reed, Mrs Bannerman Mrs Gregor.
Evelyn wished us all a happy
Easter and received a cool
response fr. C. who smiled
pleasantly to Eva Ford and got
a cool nod in return. Mrs
Masefield and her mother Lady
Nance Rand her two daughters
went over cottage, etc. no doubt
could not find the great stamp-
back. After lunch read papers
chiefly about Swans walk-out.
Peter dis[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
pulled. Easter. After tea Peter took
B for run in his car. I [illegible] [illegible]
Stephen called up & Peter called him
back when he came home. I looked at B's double
daffodils with him. Drinks

After dinner accounts

Monday, April 19

Primrose Day *Easter Monday*

Dreamed as usual most [illegible] wake 7 o'c and soon after got up & [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] and drank one of my two glasses of hot water. Dozed in and out of bed until 7.15 when I definitely got up. Letter from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She has not [illegible] [illegible] telling him of my [illegible] [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] but it speaks as if he would not mind. Another lovely sunny Easter day. [illegible] Nellie went. My little [illegible] [illegible] again after 12 hours. [illegible] [illegible] St. Stephen's in Florence where Pacini the old servant and [illegible], generally [illegible] about [illegible] and sympathetic with us. [illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Barbara [illegible] stayed. Discussed work on place w. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wheels Peter wants [illegible]. Later opened up Helen's brown carpet to try for [illegible] room. 9 x 15 ft. Accounts. After lunch read papers. Rested. Tea, accounts. Peter came back from fishing w. one trout caught by John Mathias. Trusty Gr. [illegible] [illegible] golf club. Quick drink. After dinner dozed

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I went to [illegible] west at

Peter up at 6-45, I went down to say

Tuesday, April 20

good bye. Papers full of case of Mme Petrova who was rescued from plane at Darwin when she was being taken back to Russia. Out & about, garden which is in good condition. Saw Charley re padlock for shed. C. talks to him about his flowers. My clock has gone all wrong. Tel. Hammond about electricity. C. talked to Mrs Latham and Mrs Cowper. Worked on accounts. After lunch read Times. Paid Charley for Ai's charge for cartage etc. Rested. After tea worked on accounts and decided that I need earlier Cloggs and Westminster cheque books from London. Read papers. Worked on fern. Made drinks. After dinner listened to news. Much more about Mme Petrova who seems to have been drugged or frightened into saying she wanted to return to Russia. Spent evening in mending my old green tweed coat, sewing on buttons and stitching back patches on elbows. As usual attended to boiler fire and made sure all kitchen windows closed

Wednesday, April 21

Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1926)

Woke fully at 7 o'c, Turned on kettle to [illegible] but did not finally get up till 7.15. More Petrarch news. Call from Hammond who checked up all electric wire and brought new bulbs. Letter from Bruce who wants money. Cold sunny day. My clock still going well. Out for walk round [illegible] which is [illegible] [illegible]. W. Bruce. After lunch W. Jones that I hope to [illegible] advance Bruce £20. Had written [illegible] to Bruce. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or guarantee. W. Cann [illegible] with [illegible]. Up to rest early. To rest early because Dulcie Mathews said she would come over in car and take us to the [illegible] 4.15 and put on and grey [illegible] but she did not come to our utter relief and we had tea at home. Read Times. [illegible] [illegible] Jimmie's [illegible]. He is in hospital with bronchitis again. Lit fire in drawing room and spent long time getting it to burn. Dark after dinner spent evening [illegible] my old grey trousers. In bed 1/2

Up 7.45 Breakfast 9.15

Thursday, April 22

Papers still reporting
on Bloom and Retrace,
Lawn mowing contractor went
over lawn & again but say it
is too far for them to come
I had long talk with the head man
who will look into matter and
perhaps they can manage it.
Tel. Janet about [illegible]
My clock going well and
keeping good time. Lovely sunny
day but cold. Saluted Evelyn
pleasantly as she went past
Had cheery call up Helen began
carpet out & takes it to annex.
Walk about place. Think it
would be a good thing to drain pond
after lunch listened & tried
"Palming" my eyes fell asleep for a
few minutes so lie and feel like
resting. C. went up but Lid. Jimmie
ill again w. bronchitis and W.
Ben telling him of my plan to buy
up a third of the day and asking
if he wanted it to do something on [illegible]
[illegible]. Tea. Read papers - Deaths.
After dinner read Elmer Davis.

after the friends today on top of cupboard [illegible]

and went to bed at 10.30

Slept well. Woke 6. Dozed till 8. Read Mirror McCarthy v. Army just starting. Looks as if he might do badly. Built fire in hall. Cold dark morning. My cheek still going but a bit slow. Mrs Rennie got me some stamps and I put them on letter to Ben written yesterday. After [illegible] paid and posted bills. Talked to Mr Maitz from Paris but after consulting Charley and Mrs Rennie found that we do not want anything from Paris. Went up to rest & to [illegible]. Tired. Up for Peter coming down in time for dinner. Read Evening Standard that Mrs L. brought from Littlehampton. Made fire in dining room not very successfully. Peter arrived. Made drinks. Seem to feel slight soreness in my throat which makes me a bit afraid of another bad cold and I take two [illegible] tablets. Peter took only one drink. After dinner most amusing of American news from Joseph Harsch. To bed 10.30. Relaxed throat

Friday, April 23

St. George's Day

Saturday, April 24

Another dull cold morning but good sleep with sun in the afternoon. Relaxed throat & took pink mo-lung tablet. Spent most of morning tending fires. My clock ran down at eleven last night and I happened to go into cottage at 11 this morning and wound it. Papers full of Russian protest over Petain and American protest over Kharkhov. Peter called Chips at Stoke and bought Gin Rum Sherry at Black Horse. Blackers arrived 12.50. Pep, Helen, Carmen Thetis. Carmen the most attractive and very much so the others not. Thetis needs the stage between her legs to be reduced to scale. At lunch Ziggy dropped the vegetable dish of peas and cauliflower on the carpet. There was nothing to do but to scrape it up and eat it. Talk in N. room and walking about place and sitting on lawn back of cottage. Got very tired. To rest but couldn't sleep. Throat sensations. Tea + supper of [illegible] macaroni, banana bread & [illegible] salad.

Good night and no throat symptoms but took another pink tablet. No bath. Sat by fire in sitting room for breakfast & luncheon. Read papers. Good article by Aga Khan on Kenya. C. to Church. Peter and I were reading Sunday papers. Oiled & wound long clock which was still going. Also wound big hall clock. Peter gave Cheque for £300 of which I sent £150 to Lloyds Arundel & £150 to C's a/c Brompton Sq. After lunch dealt with John's Harwich Club papers and W. John recommended Journal of Charlotte Forten and for Bruce's title "My English Years". Rested well. Tea & C. told Peter about parties at Soviet Embassy when the Mackeys were there. C. & Peter to see Viola Meynell. 40. Rg. [illegible] [illegible], 10. Mr [illegible] Jeffreys. Peter made drinks. Dinner in sitting room. Wireless. review of last vol. of Churchill War History. Peter left for

Sunday, April 25

Anzac Day

Low Sunday

Rhodesia. Read John Mackie's book on [illegible]

grounds. To bed 10.30

Another cold day starting with brilliant sunshine.

Monday, April 26

Daily Mirror Cassandra in Washington reporting the case of McCarthy v. American Army. Breakfast in dining room and rejoined my chair in Cottage. Sat in arm chair again and read papers. W. John Mathias to thank him for fig book. After luncheon went down to the lake with Charley and considered draining or lowering it. Lifted a board that Charley called a bunny hole and the water began to flow out. We will see how long it will continue to flow and when it stops perhaps dig lower down so that it will flow on. Talked to E. about lowering the water and then planting water plants. Telephoned to Goatleys who advised buttercups and water lilies which he could supply. Sunshine all day. To rest 3.30 to 5. Tea. Discussed the Ascension with E. and that chapter of Acts. Resurrection insisted upon but not Ascension. Drinks Dinner.

Tuesday, April 27

Easter Law Sittings begin

Slept well. Another cold sunny day. Talked C. & Charley about lowering pond and planting water plants. Talk Charley about lawn mowing. Paid C's bank £5.5.0 for my Harrod cellars. After lunch paid Amberley [illegible] £9.5.2 Collect books to take to London for spare room and got out books from cupboard to take their place. Bright warm sun all day but same cold North wind. Made drinks. Mrs Renner say that before Mrs Ford left for Canada on Saturday she told people that she was coming back. Worrying enquiries [illegible] about gave me that curious hollow feeling in my chest and in the tone of my voice. David Scott came to see me when I was busy and Mrs Renner said he wanted to know if he could pay another [illegible]. Alarming talk about sending children by Danny Kaye. Read Elmer Davis. Saw that kitchen windows was locked and attended to boiler fire as usual

Wednesday, April 28

up 7 o'c. Out to Charlcup cottage & told Arthur that Davis could keep one or two pigs in sty in field. Bright early morning with increasing clouds and the perpetual cold North wind. [illegible] Ezzie a Happy Birthday. After breakfast down to [illegible] village & picked daffodils. C. & I to London 10.5 Claydon took us to station. Read back of Turgenev in train. Taxi to [illegible] dropping C. at [illegible] in Sloane St. & then [illegible] down. [illegible] Major [illegible] daffodils. Mrs Bekcam [illegible] all the cleaning. She has unpacked my suit case and collected all the things on my list & taken to Embassy. Out to lunch Travellers Club. C. did not turn up. Dover St. hair cut. Home. C. not arrived. Unpacked basket for spare room. By 4. C. had not come. T & [illegible]

+ Harriet. Thought [illegible] when C. arrived

after [illegible] of C. Robertson. Back to Ambleside
R.A.F. dinner [illegible]

Up 8. Call 9.30 from
policeman who
wants subscription for police
ball. Gave him £2.2.0 and had
a pleasant talk designed to lead
him to leave us alone as far
as alien regulations go. Tel
John for Bruels & Cowards addresses.
Learnt of death of Mr Somerset
W. Somerset. Wl Bruce about
title. Tel Edward at Savoy and
left message inviting his
opera. Sent income tax papers
to Till. W. Lawn mowing & [illegible]
keeping copy. After lunch talk
re. authenticity of S. Pauls epistles
also St. Johns. Told Mrs Rumney
to keep two kitchen waste bins, one
edible for David's pigs. Sent income
tax papers to Till. Rested. Read
Times after tea, some silly and
appeasing. [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. Started
to read Philip Toynbee's book
Friends Apart: Jasper Ridley &
Esmond Romilly. Made a note.
After dinner Radio Discussion
on Indo China and more of Philip.

Thursday, April 29

Another sunny day but [illegible] [illegible]

Friday, April 30

the wind in the south.

After breakfast to W. H. Smith who have sent a bill for last year after I have paid 3 bills this year. Letter from Bruce about an executor w. & advised him to leave it all to Robin or a bank. Viola came to luncheon. Sherry affair. Viola introduced subject of authors subsidiary rights sheets in selling columns of Times and B monopolized the conversation rather! Think interested her but C. did not like it. Before and after lunch I kept out of the way [illegible]. After tea looked at letters [illegible] and tried to decipher the week's accounts. To John about [illegible] Miss Wilkinson and subsidiary rights [illegible], dinner, News. Guessed the news in [illegible] is all my eye and Betty Martin. [illegible] bed early [illegible]

up late and breakfast with
G. No Saturday, May 1 particular
news in papers. Sunny
morning and less cold.
Took old books out to
studio. Saw Willy Allen
and talked to him about
stone wall. Elm tree by
cottage continues to crack
stone wall. G. agrees that
it might be a good plan to
to take down the wall.
Chesley lowers the
outlet to pond every morning
so that it continues to
run and pond is lowered
by about 2 ft. After
lunch G. rested; I read
weekly papers. G. & I
to concert at church.
Helen Kethan sang and
David Buchan sang.
After concert which was part
church talk Mr Anderson. Her
husband died 2 years ago.
Mr & Foster there. Moores
arrived. We went to Mrs
[illegible]. Made up fire. Had
drinks. Croutons. After dinner
walk.

woke 2.30 and tried to remem-
ber name of McKenney's [illegible]
had [illegible] and waked up and
yesterday. Ray [illegible] not

Sunday, May 2

able to stop the effort but

2nd Sunday after Easter

alternately slept and dreamt
vividly. Up 7.30 Spent
practically whole morning
[illegible] and preparing for
i bath and Nurse [illegible].
Myra did not come down
at 12.30 or so spending
morning working in the
room. She mentioned little
figure of an English spaniel
that she bought at the
Goldsmiths for one of her
grandchildren. Tim Conrad
arrived about 12.50 by car.
It had rained most of day
and off and on this [illegible]
with some sunny periods
But after lunch it had settled
into a cold rainy day. Conrad
and Myra preferred Gin &
& I had sherry before lunch.
Conrad supplied [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] McCarthy
After lunch rain lifted a [illegible]
for me to take Conrad and
[illegible] [illegible] much no [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cold day starting sunny but quickly

Monday, May 3

clouding over. Bath water cold; something wrong with boiler fire. Fought it [illegible] at 7:30 and before draft [illegible] but no good. Mrs [illegible] took C. to station going up to London to have lunch with Dutch ambassador Mme Steeke. Read letter fr. [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] pictures fr. Palermo. W. Charles Butler and Marion Schlesinger Whiting.

Bank Holiday (Scotland)

Telephone from C. who found a telegram in London from Blanche saying that Louise Brockway died last week. W. Blanche and telegraphed. [illegible] letter ink splashing over blotter and green baize of desk which I cleaned up at great length. After lunch walked to [illegible] to get stamps & posted letter to Blanche. After that I [illegible] and C. got back just as I ordered tea. C. had a pleasant luncheon and [illegible] to Miss W. [illegible]

and [illegible] in her pictures with many friends [illegible] wife of Dutch ambassador to U.S.

[illegible] dinner. Peter [illegible] up.

Worked open boiler fire at 12:30 before I went to bed but it was not too good

Tuesday, May 4

this morning. Cold damp day. Read Times. U.S. Administration at fault over Indo-China. C. cooking over cottage. [illegible] sympathy to Bernard & Robin Darwin for the death of Bernard's wife Elinor Monsell. After lunch discussed [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] fire with Charley. Cold North wind and intervals of sun. Rested and after tea discussed colours in North room with G. who wants to keep green. I suggested cover of sofa. [illegible] of [illegible] sleeping [illegible] chair and she suggested taking up cover of one of cushions and consulting dyer. Don't [illegible] to get clear of that failing. Made drinks after read Philip Toynbee's Friends Apart. Candid references to recognizable and named people and repulsive egotism and exhibitionism

Wind again in North. Cold grey day. Woke
Wednesday, May 5
5 o'c and could not get to sleep again – up 7.45. Papers tell of increasing lack of cooperation between Gt. Brit. & U.S.A. Read papers. Sitting room fire hard to make go. Rex Dispatches at work on latest proof. Spoke to Charley about boiler fire which was at maximum that morning for bath water. Cut roots of dandelions in lawn which will delay flowering. Started again on Amberley accounts w. & material papers etc I brought down fr. London a week ago. After lunch set Charley & Willy Allen to helping a thatcher move contents of attic into adjoining bed room. E. & I to rest but curiously neither of us slept. Very cold night wind and rain. After tea finished Philip Frencks apart. In the end one feels softened towards him. He reveals a touching & sensitive side which makes one dislike the poetry & drinks. After dinner mended pocket of my old overcoat

Did not seem to sleep but rested. up 7.45

Thursday, May 6

Papers suggest McCarthy getting tied up. w. Till Somervell, Mrs & Rabun Williams. Talked to Jarvis re need - thatcher once at repairs on cottage roof. Lunched at C's [illegible] bed on site of camp. Talk Chesley about boiler fire water - Bishop + his wife - C. luncheon on Saturday. After lunch read excellent letter from Xian Science Monitor sent by Robertson on McCarthy Oppenheimer etc. Talk Willy Allen about tunnel wall and North lawn deliberately. Starting on April London accounts when Mr Goalcher arrived and C & I went to terrace and discussed bulrushes and waterlilies for the pond. He says weeping hornbeam is a weeping elm on mound in front of tunnel. Rested but again could not sleep. After tea finished London April accounts & started on [illegible]. Dressed. Dinner. News. Turned in [illegible]

Slept better. Sunny morning
not so cold Friday, May 7 McCarthy
seems to be getting rattled at
Sub-committee session. Claydon
wants to put calves in our field
Consulted Charley who says they
would get out. Wally Allen had
his fat son helping thatcher.
Worked on accounts. Newall brought
back gun & glue and change from
cheque I gave him. Mrs Renfrew
gave us tomatoes baked with
bread crumbs — very nice but not
at all what I described and asked
for, and hardly substantial enough
for main luncheon dish.
Tel. Lloyds Bank Arundel for
statement & cancelled cheques to
assist in making up accounts
Rested better than lately. Sunny
evening but still cold.
Drinks. After dinner news. Accounts
Benton discounts McCarthy's Senator
getting power. Says Eisenhower
will probably run again. Stevenson
was for Democratic nominee after
will be Symington. G. Whitley
called up G. Peter had telephone
before dinner & not coming to dine

tonight but coming tomorrow
for luncheon
Accounts

Slept fairly well. Quite awake 7.30 and

Saturday, May 8

got up

Bath water all night.
Letter fr. Maude Brayley about her Catholic friends back.
W. at length giving advice and general matters. Out wi. C. + Charley and then myself cutting dandelion tops while C. told Charley about transplanting flowers. Then I told him about planting bulrushes and vegetables in pond. Paid Willy. Read papers. Peter arrived. Made fire in N. room. Bishop + Mrs C. were to lunch. They made little digs at each other. C. annoyed me by claiming that she did it all about letting house to Major Bailey. Reproached her after Guggie had gone + she was furious. Tried to rest but went to sleep. Tea Mrs Kuczman tel: to say find Mrs Peters. Suggested

that E. were anxious keep her spare room ready for guests but E. let

why. Explained to Mrs L. [illegible] accidentally [illegible]

Woke 5 o'c and heard the birds beginning to sing and the cuckoo. Lay awake till breakfast 9.15. Looked at papers. [illegible] own [illegible] Phil but [illegible] to gen. [illegible]. To Church. Bishop talked of Church unity rather tactlessly & referred to Mr & Mrs Bacon. Tried to scrape stains off bricks in front of door under the stairs, dangerously slippery. C. came back from church yard where she wanted to visit graves alone. Lovely warm sunny day. Read papers. After lunch finished papers. [illegible] (5). Made up fire in sitting room. [illegible] & studied [illegible] [illegible] & Fable but found neither suitable for [illegible]. Rested but hardly slept. After tea Peter went to Fields. I packed up [illegible] came when C wants to have changed. Packed my clothes & papers. Mad dumps. After dinner worked on accounts & listened to news.

Sunday, May 9

3rd Sunday after Easter

Peter read [illegible] [illegible] Friends

Monday, May 10

Peter left early for London
I was awake and did
not sleep again. At breakfast
talked to Charley in the yard through
the window. He has a bad tooth and
I advised him to telephone to the
dentist. Tel. Miss Sidney and got
telephone number of Miss Wilkinson
who flies today to Belfast. Tel.
her and fixed for luncheon
on 18th. Tel. Miss Claydon and
explained that our fire got free
and Celia would get out of
[illegible] place. Tel Coathes to [illegible]
[illegible] pleat as soon as possible.
Gave Widy jug broken by Mr Mudge
to mend with cement. Sent 12 [illegible]
Dog Tax cheque to Till. Accounts.
Lunch. Accounts. Maud taken
by Thatcher to station for 3.10 train.
I worked on accounts while
Lindsay rested. Peter had lilacs with
Charley. Told him to telephone
dentist about his ulcerated
tooth. Mrs Peter gave us tea and
Went up to London by 5.17. Mr
Anderson at station. At flat
hammered lilac stems and put [illegible]
in water. Dinner. After dinner we [illegible]
perfect summer day

wake 6 o'c and then dozed until 7

Tuesday, May 11

had to go to her bath at 9.

Breakfast 10.30. Read D. Mirror, Cassandra on Americans. Tel. Burns. Point of stern brake delay. Tel. Davis about cleaning safe cover. W.P.C. Mrs Potter to send my pocket knife. Paid telephone Oak Tend. Ack. Humphreys cheque for same. Sent cheque to [illegible]. Called Davis and left cushion cover with the [illegible] who was away & enquired. To Queens for salt tablets and cream. Cut for them. Cough [illegible] fixatives. Cut grapes. Stamps Home and Tingle. To [illegible] Just as C got back from Dublin. Ring lunch w. C. Richardson Antoinette Vera Brown, Jean Watt, Claudie Clapp. Up 6 o'c. Tea. Read Standard Light Supper. Left at 7.10 for Charming American Comedy Tea House of August Moon.

Woke 5.45 Did not sleep
again. Up 7.45

Wednesday, May 12

Read papers. Cleaning drawers
for old books. Dull weather.
[illegible] Lilacs I brought up fr.
Anxiously coming but dull.
C. engaged with Russian drawing
lady. W. Emp. [illegible] will get
at [illegible] where [illegible] [illegible] 1 [illegible]
C. went out shopping at
12.30 and I sat in garden
[illegible] my accounts for Till-
[illegible] is K. S. stopped
to speak to me and asked she
was going on a cruise with
[illegible] [illegible] and his nephew.
C. came back just before 2 when
lunch just come up. After lunch
Tilly called up to tell us of a son
Paul Adams born at 2 o'c today
John's birthday. W. [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] due from [illegible] [illegible]
Rested. Tea. Violent thunder
storm while we were eating

[illegible] [illegible] Bunne & Nellie Read

[illegible] on 2.

Slept well. Woke and ate 8 o'c. Read

Thursday, May 13

D. Mirror. Worked on Amberley repairs and maintenance for income tax purposes but cannot find receipts for last spring. Collected [illegible] photographs of sculptures thinking he might do something if Epstein fails. Out and got wages. Also [illegible] that Jones has been cleaning. C. out shopping. Ida Scarick and Sarah Hudson to lunch. I had Napoleon + Dresden China. C. gave Sarah £75. Cultured pearl necklace. Sarah expressed exceedingly little thanks. C. had old pearl brooch & earrings on approval for Cynthia's [illegible]. I thought not appropriate but Ida advised

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cooler damp day. Woke 4.
and did not sleep until after
up 7.30. Sent report to

Friday, May 14

Epstein C.B. post to
Oliver, Nicholas, & Phyfe,
Paid insurance on Epstein
for another six months.
Pd. W. Allen. C. out to
dentist and films etc.
Took books to Zaehnsdorf for
binding. Got tickets for
Amberley at Cooks. Lunch
Ox. & Cam. Debenham beef
sandwich. Bought stamps.
Left Vivas pictures to be
framed. To Barnets sales
and sample for sofa. Very
tired but walked on p.
Strand & took a no. 9 bus
home. T & rest 40°C. Up
and tea 6.30. C. got caught
in rain and did feel —
take her films and could
not sleep when she got home
says she never sleeps now in
afternoon. Accounts. F. the
to dinner. Drinks. Talk

Peter - A Lawrence

woke early but slept
well at **Saturday, May 15** intervals
after. Breakfast 10.

Papers devoted to SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY *(Whitsunday)*
Queen's home-coming.
Weather grey and cool
but no rain. Spent
morning planning what
to do when I went out
including getting the ladies
[illegible] for [illegible] silk
after washing each [illegible]
tried to deposit but it
took too long and [illegible]
after 12 went - and Clare
went out about 11 for
[illegible] and [illegible].
I failed to get [illegible]
[illegible] at Hatchards + [illegible]
and then had time only to get
grapes in Sloane St. I [illegible]
a bit after C. [illegible]
who [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] were in [illegible], [illegible]
pleasant luncheon. Rested
[illegible]. Evening [illegible] all about

Quite [illegible] [illegible]. Tired [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday, May 16

4th Sunday after Easter

Grey cold day. Breakfast 9
Papers full of Queens
home coming. [illegible]
pictures. Spent morning
reading papers and struggling
with accounts. E. read papers
and packed. E. told Mrs.
Franks that I did not think she
was looking well and that
other in [illegible] thought
the same. As a result she
is in a state of alarm. She
has made an appointment
to see the [illegible] of [illegible]
on Tuesday. Did not go
out all day. Accounts after
lunch and after tea.
Peter came to tea and brought
[illegible] [illegible] back,
and [illegible] for E. He saw
Queen's return from Mall.
E. seems to be getting down-
stairs [illegible] [illegible].
Accounts after tea and after
dinner till 11.30 when I
Left them more in a muddle than the A.M.

Slept well. Woke 7, up 7.30

Read **Monday, May 17** papers at breakfast mostly pictures of Queen and her family; very charming. C. out early to hair dresser and luncheon w/. Thetis. I went to Harrods and left sock to have ladder mended. Got paint brush, ribbon a pearl buttons green cotton thread. Grapes at opposite Grocer. Home and worked on accounts and at last, after wasting yesterday at it, got my C.B. accounts to agree with my regular account book. No. 9 bus to St. J. St. and got bottle of Gin at Berry's and ordered bottle of Bourbon. Queen's Crown Court. Home. C. back rested. Tea. To see Danny Kaye quite delightful in slap-stick film. Then back in bus [illegible]. Dinner accounts

Good night with periods pleasantly and restfully.

Tuesday, May 18

awake & up 7.30. out soon after breakfast on 73 bus to Oxford Circus. Bought stainless steel pen knife for 14/ at [illegible]'s. Then to Bond St and got samples at Bills for a coat and skirt that C wants to give Elizabeth. Home and C & I out and had our passport pictures taken by Graham in Knightsbridge. Got samples for A. at Scotch House also at Stonehenge. Cashed Cheques at Knightsbridge Westminster Bank. C. got some tulips. Mrs Wilkinson to lunch. Lift out of order so she had to come up in the service lift. Hammering upstairs disturbed us all the time she was here. She is probably true but seems less attractive & less alive. Must be over 6 ft. tall. Elderly. Peter came after tea and stayed to dinner and then went on to a dance.

up 7.45. Spent morning
packing
Wednesday, May 19
and
hunting for Ray's Amberley
receipts that have disappeared.
Mrs L. & Lizzie got off this
morning. Tel Mrs Gray of
Dracus to send sofa covers
down to Amberley. Tel Hatfield
to send A's watch. Down to
box room with Shemming
to look for those receipts
not there. Mrs Wilkinson
sent up eggs which I
took round to Gladys
Robertson with her irises
and tulips. Mrs C at Tennis
Arms and we had lunch in
our dining room down-
stairs. Ate grapes at home
put away letters. Tea
Porters took down luggage
and we got off comfortably
in good time 5.4 for
Amberley. Met by James who
is getting on well; read Thackeray

[illegible] after dinner [illegible] to Jamison [illegible] Reception. Wrote [illegible]

the cottage. I put back some covers; [illegible] flowers unpacked.

Good night up 7.30. Read paper

John Gielgud Thursday, May 20 named

by Winterton with opprobrium in homosexual debate in House of Lords. Walked to post-office and bought stamps. On my way home Mayne Ackman came out and we had a long gossip. Moura has telephoned that Lady [illegible] might buy C's gold cape. I w. a draft letter authorizing [illegible] to show the cape to her. C. made out cheque for £200 for Roger Arundel. Read letter fr. Marion White: Coming to London May 27/8; after lunch. Read letter from Jannie. Says Amenge dried up my Hadley shed. Took old books to studio. Rested. As Danes don't seem able to bleach green sofa cover, C. will probably get material from samples that Burnets have sent. From tea to dinner worked on accounts. Made drinks. After dinner listened to news. Bad relations with Americans openly spoken of. Spent evening darning socks which seems a useful way of preparing for going to sleep.

Up 7.15. Grey day cool but no

Friday, May 21

wind. Watched Willy Allen hunting for something which he found caught in Virginia Creeper. It turned out to be one of shelf brackets from bath room that Blasefield children had thrown out of window as May Rue said. Spoke to Charley about cutting grass round trees and about vegetables. Only cabbage spinnach & lettuce now. Told Mrs Kenney not to buy any, we will do with those and our good supply of last years potatoes. Ordered Sofa Cover from Burnet from samples that I chose and they sent down. Read Times. Worked on accounts. Mr Jarvis seems to stand about a good deal but he is getting on with roof and the results seem wonderful. After lunch great to do with Mounes plans for baby room to try gable caps. [illegible] telephoned to Mona, Harrods and Insurance. Rested but couldn't sleep. Accounts after tea and darning and mending clothes after dinner.

Cool grey day. Up 7.30.
Breakfast Saturday, May 22 9 o'c.
Made out list of vegetables
for Charley: Read papers
Clipped faded leaves from
white lilacs in big jug on
hall table. Paid W. Bell &
Gary Jarvis £80 on a/c.
Sorted papers in my despatch
case. Peter arrived & in his car
with Cynthia Butterworth.
After luncheon they went round
the village. I looked up
Fulchard & Bible in Italy.
Peter: Tea. Talk about
filming. P. C. & E. out in car.
I studied account books and
may have got on track of the
errors that have previously
baffled me. Made drinks which
Cynthia slightly sampled.
After dinner Peter & Cynthia
withdrew to the Oak Book Room
& looked at two Stalemen
and Sketches News and
other Radio talk. Worked
on accounts until 11.30

Attended to kitchen fires and dry rooms

things: letters everything [illegible] off only [illegible]
[illegible]

Woke early in a mass of dreams which I

Sunday, May 23

was able to continue and again and again to fall back into until finally woke completely and got up at 8.30. Grey cold day with faint sprinkles of rain.

Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday and march of Bishop Choir and Congregation through our garden to village and back to the church yard. Read papers before and after lunch. Rested. After tea talked of Father Divine in connection w/. Philip's money in Obarrow of book about him. C. told of her experience at Manhasset with a cook who was a member. C. Peter & Cynthia out in car to take G. to see Viola. I worked on accounts. C. insists that Viola's disease is incurable. Made drinks. At dinner C. told Eggie not to pass dishes to me a second time as she has done before. Games etc. with guests. Peter & Cynthia to bed early

Made up [illegible] pages of weights. Left out for Peter checks at his insistence.

accounts on letters [illegible] Andas

Did not sleep at all. Peter
& Cynthia Monday, May 24 left 7.30
I got up then and saw them
start out of window. Very
Empire Day
Cool morning. Finished papers
9.30. Got Charley t~~[illegible]~~
check W.F. Smith's accounts
and went over list of
vegetables with him for
summer. Drew cheques.
Struggled with accounts. C.
picked more lilacs. According
to my plan walked last night.
Did not have any beer for
luncheon. More attempt at
accounts and walked down to
P.O. and got an Air Mail letter
form to Alfreda. [illegible]
by the Postmistress who asked
she is to get the 2/6 [illegible]-fee
for the [illegible] [illegible]
I declined. Rested. Accounts
after tea. Moura called up and
is hopeful that Korda will buy B.S.
sable coat for £1500. Made drinks
for C but none for myself.
After dinner dashed [illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday, May 25

Bright sunny morning with clouds and light rain later but not enough to end the drought. Nothing much in papers. McCarthy hearing resumed yesterday with McCarthy [illegible]. Taggie getting on with his reed thatching which looks very fine. Letter from Mrs Wilkinson that she will buy my shares for £10.00. Tel. Mrs Sidney but left message with her for Mrs Wilkinson that I would like a cheque and covering letter here. Talk & goodbye to [illegible]. Talk Tolkay and Paul well. Suggested book by K. Tolen on Charles II. Hunted through letters in stable. Hundreds of C's. mine to each other and many others but none from Timothy about Hadley arrangement of 1927. Again no beer for lunch. [illegible] visited. More receipts after tea. Buy drink for C. None for me. Clayton failed to t

touching letter from Alek

[illegible] on wild brakes. Sewing on buttons

Wednesday, May 26

Up 8 o'c. C. agrees with me that we had better drop the valet. Ben again part of anxiously inquiring each morning how each other slept. Lovely warmer sunny day. Read papers. McCarthy [illegible] resurrected. He is rather like a cornered rat. Spent morning rather vainly on accounts. Maura called up rather early to say that Rudey Dale has decided not to buy caps - when after such warning. Kaaba himself would like to buy it. I say she is bored. After lunch, when again I had no [illegible] to. Insurance advising that Maura is showing cups to Lady Hulton. Rested. Accounts after tea. Made drink for C. but not for me. Do accounts. After dinner mended my old fresh grey tweed waistcoat - packed

Rain in Night. Cloudy warm

Sunny day. **Thursday, May 27** Up 7.40

Ascension Day

Recd big [illegible] enclosing prospectus and specimen plate of book on Rose gardens by Sacheverell Sitwell to be published by George Rainbird Ltd., of which Alfred Bird is a director. Discussed seed [illegible] watering of cabbages etc with Fanny and Willy Allen. Discussed lawn mowing with Charley and Harold who [illegible] [illegible] cutting grass round trees with small shears. Read papers. Warm sunny day. After lunch W. Mr Wilkinson, Alfred Bird and Fanny Falconer. Sent Wilkinson & Falconer to Rita Smith to type. Rested. After tea W. Bess Huntington and finished after

dinner & [illegible] after supper

Up 7.30 Warm dull day

Friday, May 28

Jarvis is weighing different levels on cottage roof. Hope the thatch will stand all right. Read D. Mirror but not Times. Settled down to write letter to C. Talk to C. as she read Times. W. Dwyer and Jimmie's affair before and after lunch. Walk in woods and cooler again increasing rain. Rested. Read Times. McCarthy hearing gets more and more sour. Spiteful and disreputable. After tea worked a bit on accounts. Made drinks for Peter and C. He arrived in the car soon after 8. I don't find that giving up beer and cocktails makes one feel any better but perhaps I will find benefit later. After dinner listened to news and did a little mending. C. does not

Back door unlocked and we
thought Saturday, May 29 E. was
out and listened till 2 A.M. for
her return. Then when I woke
at 7.15 and went down to see, the
door was still unlocked so E.
had been in all the time. Spoke
to her at breakfast and she said
she had come in at 12.30.
Called up Browns Hotel and left
message asking Marian White
to lunch tomorrow. Called
up Virginia Butterworth but she
did not know M's movements.
They are going to Bath to stay
with Helen over Sunday. Talk
Charley about mowing lawn
etc. W. to Cousin Sarah
Bradley. Marian called me up.
but is so tired that she had
to quit tomorrow after her
strenuous last day in America
and flying over night before last.
Tel. Lemon & Morris Co. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] cutting. After lunch John
Mathias called up and Peter went
fishing with him. After rest & tea
did accounts. Peter made [illegible].

for himself & E. Myers dinner [illegible]

Remit twice [illegible]

Shampood my hair as I do every Sunday after putting on the medicated salve prescribed by Ogonda for the night before.

Sunday, May 30

Sunday after Ascension

Band I to church which turned out to be a High Church Communion Service. We came out when the partakers went up to the altar rail. Bad service! After lunch out on lawn w. C. & R. cut out dandelions. To rest. Up 4.15 and we all went to tea with Matthews, Robert & Marie, Dave & Cicely & John Peters our guests. Also went over old garden. Altogether they but badly laid out. Home 1st Sunday Times. Orders made drinks for C & myself. After dinner! read admirable article in New Yorker on about

Warmish day but almost Coolish

ordered cold Cream

up 6.45 When Peter was getting up and I

Monday, May 31

wanted to be on time to have my bath and all and to get

Union Day, South Africa

C. off for London and give [illegible] [illegible]. Peter left at 7.30. C. at 9. Sunny cool day. Posted letters to Mrs Wilkinson & R.H. Falconer typed by Rita Smith. Passport-photographs came. Muir went walking and Cheques returned Q's bad but will do. W. Mulled Stokes. Hammond called to alter the electric installation. W. City Crashings. B.C. to John Mathews giving need Thatcher's address. Chas Thatcher £50. After lunch read Times. Dug up dandelions in lawn. To rest soon after 3. Tea 5.30. Worked on accounts. Chandler came and I held out prospect of work in studio which he went to see. C. came home about 7.45 great relief and pleasure. Hall

him a drink. Supper dinner [illegible]

Tuesday, June 1

Cold grey day. Watched James from my window. Breakfast 9.30 but first I talked to James and got him to make the line of the trees continuous. Daily Mirror outspoken against Eisenhower. Letter from Blanche von Benin who is going back to Germany to be with Hans & Gisela. Worked on letter to Fil about Amberley [illegible] income tax purposes. Had a glass of milk for luncheon. Read Times and worked on accounts. James is making a beautiful job of the [illegible] making a [illegible] and [illegible] a rose. To rest. Up 5.45. C. works [illegible] on her [illegible] supply [illegible] Finished letter to Fil. [illegible] drink for C. [illegible] with Clayton. Sent Fil

letter to Bill Smith [illegible]

Wednesday, June 2

Coronation Day (1953)

Called up Marion Whiting and talked of their Council of deacons. End of June when Brian will be here seems best. Cold grey day. Daily Mirror reports [illegible] by U. S. Congressman about McCarthy's personal relations with Cohn & Schine. Spent morning listing at back of this diary all my letters & [illegible] since middle of April. Walked about a bit & took book to garden. After lunch read Times and pamphlet "The Garden Tomb" in which Ruth Lee and Gladys Robertson are interested — a garden Tomb outside Jerusalem that Gen. Gordon was the first to suggest that it was the true Holy Sepulchre. Rested but could not sleep. Derby won by dark horse Never say Die. Read G. Robertson's cutting by [illegible] for Xian Science Monitor. Made drink for G. After dinner listened to concert and news radio and worked on accounts. To bed 11

Lay awake trying to think of Fanny

Thursday, June 3

Scooter's name and unable to get the question out of my mind. Finally about 2.30 on a final alphabetical test Annie came to me and suggested Scooter and then Fanny followed. Up 10 o'c. Tried to get a second) back door key from our surplus keys. Found the one that nearly fitted that Willy Allen thinks that Craftsman can adjust. Read D. Marras. Derby won the Lester Piggott jockeyed on American horse Never Say Die. Piggott a wonderful jockey 18 years old but getting rather too tall & heavy. Spent morning on accounts & talk to Fanny, Willy, & Charley about Chandler. After lunch called on Bishop to find time when he will come back. Read Times Lit. Sup. Tea 6. Built fire in N. room. Bishop & Mrs Spencer, Bishop Alderson of Bloemfontein & Miss Hutchinson came for sherry at 6.30 & took them down to [illegible]

After dinner wr. Mr. Chandler

Accounts

Viennese dachshund Max
barked 6–7 but
slackened a bit 7–8.

Friday, June 4

Easter Law Sittings end

Came Willy note for Chandler. Talk Charley about boiler fires. Says my Itch night treatment is all right. Craddock fitting a back door key. Ordered jar of my Oat [illegible] Salve for Willy's eczema. Lovely warm sunny day. Worked on accounts. Fell out wi. C. at luncheon. She does not like it when she is not understood at once. Read Times after lunch. C. to rest early and then went to the [illegible] Viola. I worked on until 7 and then could not sleep. Tea alone. Sent queries to Kipling Society. Peter arrived. Charlie came from Jarvis about scaffolding. G. returned. Peter made drinks for G. & himself.

Spent evening on accounts

Saturday, June 5

Up 7 o'c Mild Sunny day
Paid Wally Allen
Paid £5 o. W. Jarvis who came
unexpectedly today Read D. Murray
G. & Peter worked in cottage
making it perfect for Alfreds
G. Mrs P. T. Russell/sending 17.6
for the 2 tins of [illegible]
that came yesterday. Potter
letter typed by Peter 3 miles to
Till north vouchers. G. has letter
from Bill Maxwell that Emmy
is expecting a baby. Worked
all morning on accounts
Slight passage wi G. d- [illegible]
when she again said I
did not want a second helping
of main dish. Read Times
to rest but couldn't get
sleep. ~~Pen~~ Tea. Read New
Yorker and did accounts
G. arranging flowers and
working in cottage.
Accounts before and after
dinner. Peter made drinks
and I did most of talking

Up 7 3 hours rest. Read

Sunday, June 6

New Yorker at breakfast. Grey cold day with occasional rain clearing towards evening.

Whit Sunday

Went to church alone. Hymn on leaflet sung to Londonderry air. C. at work preparing leaflets and Peter working on business papers in North Room. I read papers. Had small [illegible] of beer at luncheon. Let C. do the talking mostly. Read papers after luncheon. C. & Peter at work in cottage. Rested successfully. Tea about 5.45. Worked on accounts: getting my old hanging brass clock from St. James's St. ready for [illegible]. Peter mixed drinks for himself — C. & I did accounts before and after dinner. Nearly

Up 7.45 Cold day clouds

Monday, June 7

Whit Monday

and sun. News [illegible] growing improved relations between China and rest of World but American reluctance on War hopefully to be fought by someone else. E. & Peter putting finishing touches on cottage: perfectly spick & span and my little clock ticking sweetly there. I spent morning finishing reconciling my C.B. account books for two years. Received 16,724.0.6 Spent 7,606.10.3. On hand 9,117.10.3. Continued my [illegible] role at luncheon & talk [illegible] after [illegible] & had a brief rest. Off to S'hampton in Peter's car. Pamela's car following. A lot of singing and wandering on steps high gallery and dancers in the luggage room. Finally Alfred's Naomi & children emerged. A warm ovation. A.T. dinner & drinks. Supper.

✓ Naomi's family, children Mrs Jane: Peter

Peter left 7.30. I slept after and did not get

Tuesday, June 8

down to breakfast till 10.30. Alfreda came over and talked about McCarthy and the American administration. Thinks not too badly of Dulles. Children buzzing about with Bobbie bleating for the little things he left two years ago he can't remember what they were. Talk Fletcher about making eye-brows over window ~~matters~~. Told Charley to dig pond outlet down to level of Weldgrove and to dump any old stuff to fill up pond. C. & I lunch. Gave W. Allen part of my foot-ulcer for his lozenges. Piano tuner came. Says damp not good for it. Needs overhauling. Tel. Roger W. Marion W. Rested. Tea. Alfreda developing a long face like my mother. She definitely one of Dolly Nelson Ward. Read Times. Made drinks for E & A. After dinner listened to speeches at Eng. Speaking Union dinner to

General Gruenther, Duke of E. Churchill

[illegible] Head

Wednesday, June 9

Rain in night but bright cool morning. Weeding and James working up by the flagpole with the [illegible] E. Read D [illegible] Mrs Rahan Williams is Tania Blixen. Walked down to wood jungle of wild parsley and brambles. Children coasting down the ramp. Lunch. Read New Yorker and Times. Rainy afternoon. Visited E. in study having a long talk with Nandie who confided her woes and was grateful for B's sympathy. Gay Alfreda has a guitar pattern in N.Y. and is much admired. Babe again dissatisfied with her work and would like to go back to England. After tea E. went back to college and stayed on. A. + children read Time and studied after. Made drink for A + E. After dinner, news and record—

[illegible] day with [illegible] in
early morning [illegible] had [illegible]
frighten [illegible] in night and
[illegible] walking [illegible] woke her
up.

Thursday, June 10

Birthday of H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh (1921)

Got up at 7.30. Out and
talked to Charley about Cook
and Newell about hedge.
My clock going well. Showed
Thomas how to wind it.
To Hammond, Pepper, Pain, and
note for W. Allen for copies
of missing receipts required
by Till for income tax return.
Gave [illegible] Council at 2.
Van. man to take away
quantity of bottles. At lunch
B. described Peter's [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] independent [illegible] and [illegible]
hard on the girl but [illegible]
Trust it may have taught
Peter a lesson which he will
profit by. Read Times. Very
cold. Gave note to Willy when he came
down from roof. Tea.
E. had letter fr [illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible] all came back to her. Opened stable to [illegible]

[illegible] children [illegible] Maria telephoned

Slept well up 7 o'c. Another cold windy day

Friday, June 11

with some intervals of sun. Read D. Mirror. Talk Alfreda about Nannie's baby. She is like one better at practical affairs than emotional sympathy. Wr. Amberley p.c. to A. S. Carpenter who sent me a p.c. from his 59th S.P.S anniversary reunion. Built fire in sitting room. After lunch Alfreda Nannie and the two children went to Storrington by bus. Read Times Ruth Draper given an LL.D. at Cambridge. Wr. John accepting for C & me Harvard Club luncheon on 29th Ruth's. Read New Statesman & Spectator. Made drinks for C. & H. Alfreda dined here as usual. After dinner listened to wireless & talked a while around ten C. & A. settled down to read and I cleaned my untidy study. No coal so I stoked boiler with wood and fuelled several times before midnight.

Dressed in dressing gown before
7 and fire in

Saturday, June 12

in library
still alright. S taked it up
read and added more at 7.30
but light with result of a
hot bath for first night
and Pete left @ [illegible] she got
up. @ J. [illegible] Allen Ins. &
C. J. W. Allen, [illegible] bk.
Coal arrived from Emery.
Rainy day clearing only after
5. [illegible] did not come
Children all over the place as
I was trying to work. Ruth
Draper about her [illegible]
Cambridge, Alfreda's plans
Mr Zeigler came to luncheon
and we had cocktails. Then
[illegible] Nannie Katto & Bobbie
had luncheon over here.
Zeiglers came here after
luncheon and we sat in N.
room and then walked about
place. Ruth & Peter had
arrived about 2 o'c. After
tea he took Ruth for a drive,

to. Ruth Draper, Mell [illegible], after dinner and Times

Violent thunder storm and rain in the night but slept well. Woke

Sunday, June 13

Trinity Sunday

8 o'c and got up at once. Water hotter than ever. Left running by tap in C's bathroom and walls and passages wet with steam. Weather seemed warmer and rain stopped and bright sun when I went to church joining C. A. Thomas & Kate who had gone on ahead. I noticed black bank of cloud in west and when we came out we were confronted with a downpour. Pete thoughtfully brought umbrellas and raincoats. Rain continued with floods at cottage and leaks in C's room. I read S. Times. Thomas came to lunch in brown check jacket. Worked on reply to Mr Wilkinson letter about another of papers on my share. Rested. Read Spencer G + P had drinks wi. A. After

Annie C. & T. A. played Scrabble

TIMES Crossword

Peter left at 7 A.M. Cold day with sun

Monday, June 14

and clouds. Thatcher at work. Tel. Jones of Till's about Mrs Wilkerson's cheque to count as capital. Revised letter to Mrs W. and gave it to Rita Smith to copy. Talk to thatcher who says he does no topping with sedge grass not with reeds. He might be able to finish with scaffolding this week and lend it to them after. Talk Mr Saxon Smith who is staying in Stevenage with her sister and they came over together. They [illegible] a [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], S. [illegible]. Read Times after lunch. Rested. Nannie left for holiday although Babbie has fever and may be coming down with measles. After tea, looked at old diaries etc. including account of Alfreda's engagement and marriage. Made sketch for Alfreda & Michael Jaffe who

[illegible]

Tuesday, June 15

Trinity Law Sittings begin

Bothered by a mosquito buzzing round my face all night. Cool bright day. Bobbie up and about with slight throat illness. May be walking measles. Tel. Emp. Realty & asked Hodges to call at flat on Friday. F. [illegible] out in [illegible] w. Westminster Bank to address [illegible] until further notice. A. took Michael Jaffe about the place to admire the view — which he did [illegible]. Till about income tax. Just before lunch C. had an attack of Vertigo & cold sweat. I gave her a little brandy and brought her a bit of lunch. fried egg & bacon & fried potato — not ideal but she seemed to relish it and then she lay down on sofa in N. Room covered w. peacock shawl. Read Times. C. got up having slept a bit and feeling quite cheerful. Michael had left and A. came over to see us. [illegible]. [illegible]. A's Italian maid arrived by wrong train.

[illegible]

[illegible]

In bed last night 1 A.M. Up 8.
Out after breakfast to give
N. [illegible] cheques to
get [illegible] and whiskey.

Wednesday, June 16

Charles has ulcerated tooth on other side. Lovely blooming potted plant in green-house. Willy and I drove to Tappen's Cottage [illegible]. Read D. Mirror. Children walking round. Sent letter to Miss Wilkinson typed by Rita Smith. Ida Cecilia arrived with her little Pekinese Susie. Paid Dyer. Sent duplicate receipts to Till. W. Mac went on [illegible] to Mr. Dobson whose Miss Cook talked to me about by telephone yesterday. I w. my letter in N. Room to which Ida goes with C.A. and children. Talked about Helen's jewels at lunch and after. Talked of Cecilia Fisher and showed Ida my photographs book with picture of Cecilia and William Fisher at their wedding. Also picture of West Manor and Mr [illegible] Bury. Tea. Lawn mowers. Read Times. Rested. Lovely evening. After tea talked to Stephen about [illegible] Hadley and friends in chest box camels hair shawls

Called up Philip but he was out. Spoke to Stephen

up 7 o'c and down to look
at boiler Thursday, June 17 to ensure
hot water for C. and Ida. Found
boiler and kitchen hot but
coal nearly burnt out so
I stoked. Spent time before
breakfast and [illegible] writing
to Tania Blixen upon Peter's
visit. Taxi to Paddington
and C. Ida and I up to Radley
by 11.5 train. I read Times
and Ida talked to C. all way
to Abingdon. C. stopped at
[illegible] Cafe for lunch with
[illegible] Robertson + [illegible]
who turned up unexpectedly talking
of high life. I went on with
[illegible] + [illegible] to flat. T.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Rev. Ireland to
get an [illegible] [illegible] arrangement [illegible] for
[illegible] [illegible] Gregory's [illegible] to
Sunday. T. [illegible] [illegible] the papers.
T. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Got [illegible] pictures in
Monmouth St. after [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] books. Came
for [illegible] and [illegible] & got charge
for passport photo taken. Stopped
at antique shop [illegible] [illegible]

C. came back for tea. T. [illegible] [illegible]

Did too much yesterday. Sore throat and [illegible] in this [illegible] is [illegible].

Friday, June 18

From 9 a good deal of activity in flat. Baffie, A., C. & Eagle. I did not take bath as a precaution. Tel Berry for [illegible]. Tel Hodges about [illegible] [illegible]. C. Baffie to [illegible] tonight. Brian & out to have her hair done and lunch. Tel Donahue and Jimmie about [illegible]. Tel. Roger about coming to [illegible]. Alfreda and Baffie back with Brian about 12. I finished my telephoning etc. C. came back and went out again to lunch with C. father Wyndham. [illegible] Jones was there and [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]. Cashed cheque at St Martin's Place. [illegible] deposit [illegible]. Lunch [illegible] [illegible] by Bertram [illegible]. Gay exhibition [illegible] [illegible] etchings. Home to rest up. 6:30 Alfreda's cocktail party

Robert who slept in Mrs
Lennie's [illegible]

Saturday, June 19

stirring from an early hour
I slept more or less through
it and did not get up till
after 8. Had nearly finished
breakfast when the [illegible]
took possession. I packed
up [illegible] for Amberley and
packed my suit case in
A's dress and coat and left
it for Eagle to bring down
E, H & Brian sat in back
seat. Robert and I sat in
front with Peter who drove
us to Amberley. By-pass
much built up since we
used to drive down before
the war. My sore throat
for which I have been taking
[illegible] since Thursday. I
had got easier during drive
after lunch I read Times
and then had a good long rest
After tea I went out with Elspeth
to look for leaves for her [illegible]
on hall table, I placed [illegible]
and we brought it in [illegible]

After dinner read [illegible]

Slept well and sat lazily
all day. Read Observer, out
and came some organ
[illegible] for the [illegible]
scheme of that [illegible]

Sunday, June 20

1st Sunday after Trinity

well. Worked over letter to
Fanny asking her to telephone
to the Copenhagen authorities
whom the Danish Consul
has refused Peter application
for a passport visa.
Roger arriving in time for
lunch and told us about
his American visit. I copied
out & posted letter to Fanny
W.P.C's to Burnet to Guess
safe conscience [illegible] to Hatfield to
make glass [illegible] to Express
Eugenie pot cupboard. Peter
and Roger went up on downs
and saw rabbits of [illegible]
myxamatosis. [illegible] heard
[illegible] Roger [illegible]. Then
Roger and I talked about
[illegible] Roger said [illegible]
and Robert [illegible] said Bella
[illegible] [illegible]. I made drink.
After dinner [illegible] all week

[illegible]

Roused by Peter about 6.30
but slept again.

Monday, June 21

& dozed off about seven
Roger left by car about

Longest Day

9.30 Robert Neale is staying
on with the Tuppenhursts for
the day. I told Roger that I
hoped Patricia would always
provide Taffy with a magnificent
living. Letter from Alfred Beit -
on [illegible] displeased his grand
Irish House. Letter from Tania
Blixen asking for American
Introductions. Rw. Lady
[illegible] asking & offered [illegible]
for her [illegible] lecture. [illegible]
[illegible] Whiting gives leave
for Saturday. Mr. B. [illegible] Annie
Lunch at Robinson, Newell
got me some stamps and
posted all my letters after
lunch. Rested. T. [illegible] Alex.
arranged [illegible] and I
were tying up delphiniums.
After dinner [illegible] & [illegible]

Wake 4:30 wi. more southward up and [illegible] back a [illegible]. Worried about Alix & Marian [illegible] for next Sunday and [illegible] not sleep again. Omitted bath & kept inhalation. Sat in sitting room doing income [illegible] letters for Till all morning. Paid [illegible] W. Emp. Ass. for details required by Till. Lunch when I was pretty silent. Alix & C. talked formally. Till came [illegible] C.! Before lunch I had a talk wi. Alix & she proposed to go to see Bonnie & C. This brought up subject of homosexuality and she spoke frankly & intelligently about C. [illegible] [illegible]. To [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] — Slept deeply. C. brought up tea with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. Took inhalation. [illegible]. G. came [illegible] the afternoon & little better

[illegible] for supper. G. came up & better mixed.

Wednesday, June 23

Slept well and late and woke with sore throat gone. Lovely warm day. Urquhart and John Bowles have gone to Oxford to a garden party after the conferring of degrees on Clement Attlee and Edith Evans. Announcement in Times. [illegible] [illegible] died as the result of swimming accident. W. [illegible]. Stayed in bed all morning. But went down to lunch and afterwards went across and talked to [illegible] about his [illegible] dept. Back to bed after writing a couple of cheques. Rested until 5.30. Feeling much better. Tea. R. Chandler, W. Owen, [illegible] blue [illegible] [illegible]. Cup of soup for dinner. [illegible] out my letter to [illegible] and sent it to Pete Smith to type.

Thursday, June 24

QUARTER DAY (*Midsummer Day*)

Slept well again. Felt a bit weak but [illegible] otherwise all right. Up 7.30 and had bath as usual. Wally at work on triangle under eaves between the back of cottage roof. Discussed treatment with him. Spent morning on particulars of insurance for Till. Rackety day. Alfreda and B. spent last night in Oxford. Met David Cecil et al. Alex played wi. children. C. superintended her old gardener. After lunch worked on bookmen's liability for insurance. Rested but did not seem to get sleep. After tea. W. Normington who has not got Epstein policy. Tel. Peter to [illegible] M. Quin Whitley down on Sat. Made drinks for C. + A. After dinner drafted letter to Tanna

about Annecy Alfreda and Brian August
[illegible]

Cold grey day. Tele. fr. Marion whether about coming down with Peter. I had left a message for her last night. Woke 5 o'c and did not sleep after. Felt nervous of catching more cold. Letter from Mrs Wilkinson that she has dispatched £10,000 fr. Guaranty Trust. Spent morning copying out letter to Fanny. Alix came down in another dress all simple & attractive but pretty patterns. G. had elegant grey [illegible]. She asked me to send her Mussolini article back today from Arts Guild. Finished it after lunch and sent it off to Stephen, F.W., who wants to see it for book he is writing on Mussolini. Posted it and my letter to Fanny. Read Times. Rested. Tea. Alix + I got green things from stables. Mended drawer of writing table in G's room. Talked Chandler about studio repairs. Drinks for Alix + G. Ate

dinner + chats with [illegible]

Friday, June 25

Saturday, June 26

Slept late & well. Up 8.30. Did our usual [illegible] running after lunch. Spent morning paying bills etc. Macleod typed letter to Ben. Sent £5.5.0 to Mrs Petley [illegible] by Willy. Marion Whiting and Peter arrived in her car just before lunch. Charley had got Celery [illegible] and [illegible] for me. Very good lunch served by Mrs Hammer with special style. Talk in North room and I took Marion over to see the other side. She went up to rest and I emptied here with Reggie and Charley [illegible] it up after tea. I did not sleep and felt strained, so did C. who left one black to Marion. Finally I took her out. She went up to dress and made [illegible] [illegible] and Wahlkeni over for drinks. After dinner we talked in N. room and C. was nice and human as usual. Marion, she says she has become a Unitarian.

Tended kitchen boiler 3 + 7 A.M.
Evidently Sunday, June 27 flue is blocked and needs cleaning out.
I managed to keep the 2nd Sunday after Trinity fire going by putting on very little coal and leaving the doors underneath wide open. I did make gravy & [illegible] but their new [illegible] hot water for C. & Marion. Read papers after breakfast and Marion went out alone for a walk in village and by [illegible] with J. sketching round the lake. C. was just going out when she had a [illegible] attack and called me. She got [illegible] pale and shaken all the morning. I gave her and Alfred sherry before lunch. Alix played [illegible] after lunch [illegible] and Marion talked and then rested. After tea Marion and I talked [illegible] until dinner. C. was [illegible] [illegible] Washburn which left at 6 o'c. I made lemon drinks for C. + Alix and [illegible] for Marion + myself. Alix went to [illegible] in a very pretty gray [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to dinner + talked

parties. I was silent. [illegible] [illegible]
with billows [illegible] [illegible] an

[illegible] in [illegible] Cause. [illegible] at 4 [illegible] up at 4 o'c and put coal on fire

Monday, June 28

going well with door open and lid aside. Letter about Jonathan Dean Martin Skinner who says he forgot to have duplicated into a Rowlands a/c. Letter fr. Guaranty Trust London. Mrs Wilkinson's $10,000, 3,547.13.5 he received. Kiss'd Marion Crosbie for 10.10 train. Charley says that Crookhurst himself works in our Garden. Tel. Guaranty Trust. W. Mrs Wilkinson blamed Mr Newell for making him answer to Paul for stamping without asking me. Gave Hammonds man 2/6. He is going to attend to bath plug & washers. Put a little coal on boiler every couple of hours. Read D. Mirror, Times & New Statesman. Cold grey day. Fire in sitting room all day. Alix very sleepy for herself as usual mentally. Rested deeply after lunch. After tea w. for Rendcombe telephone back.

Telephone Rasen & Maddocks.

it aches my eyes less. Looks fine
dark after dinner

Up 7:45 Cold grey day

Tuesday, June 29

C. & I, Bus Selfridges
and Eggie all up to London
10. C. stopped at Walpoles on
Sloane St. The rest of us went
by U.R.R. by Taxi. and Eggie
by bus. Changed for lunch
and C & I to Overseas Club
luncheon at Dorchester. Cold
draught - day. C. sat next to
Christopher Emmet nephew of
Devereux and I sat next to
Mrs Heggmuson whose husband
is a Lieutenant. Sgt. Knew
Beth Eulgrass et al.
Saw Kay & John and complimented
him on success of his luncheon
speech by Conant. Home by bus
and C. got off at Knightsbridge
and went to Harrods. I rested
dully and took infusion but
thought grew after. C. went to party
at C. Robertsons and I met her
at Tiverall Arms where we had
tiny cheap dinner. On to Joyce
Grenfell's show. Very amusing
She took off Ruth Draper
sketches and did many others

[illegible] imitating 'C' water & ideas to-

tax: 'This' coconut 'C'-asked: Tonight '' yes

Wednesday, June 30

Sore throat better. Up 9 o'c. Copied out letter to Westminster Bank about sale of Putnam shares. A. & B. out & C. to lunch wi. Bernadine Wyndham who says A. is right in wanting very dark grey for her coat and skirt. I wrote to Davies about deposit for rates out of Cy. C's English links. To Burnetts about sofa covering. To Zakaris but he was out and his young assistant - Butors did not dare to smooth my broken tooth. Lunch at Bar across from Burnetts. Bus home and C. came in soon after. To bed 3.45. Up and tea wi. C. 5.30. Read Times - Evening Standard. C. to Morris's & found her depressed at prospect of reduction by Koala. Joined C. for very nice dinner in restaurant. Spent evening working on letter to Tilymce and Tracy listening to Radio.

Called at Westminster Bank A.M.

Slept well and late,
Urquhart out
Thursday, July 1
early. 1 tel. Marion Whiting
who told C. what

Dominion Day (Canada)

Butterworths had taken
Cynthia to many doctors
Nothing the matter with her
but she eats too much.
C. tel Ruth Draper who
says Taylor Caffel never
thanked her for much help
given. C. out to hair-dresser
Urquharts back with
Francesca Colfax who
looked well. 1 tel. Watson
who gave just back stuff [illegible]
street shut. 4 [illegible] by [illegible]
afternoon. still for at Barretts.
To Stanway about [illegible]
Taxi to Grosvenor House but
Antique Dealer Fair over.
Back. Met C. for lunch Fraunces
Arms. She went on to Drummonds
got cheques & came home.
Packed & Brian drove C. & me & Ergie
to Victoria for 5.4. C talked to friends
of Gleneagles in train. Spent evening
PAGE BREAK on & word

Slept well and late.

Friday, July 2

Breakfast 10.30 Children playing Pat Day's old records on gramophone. Put away receipts etc. brought from London. Talk Charley about boiler, vegetables, lawn and Crowhurst whom he does not want. Says he is not a gardener. Reed thatching of Oak Tree cottage finished and looks very fine. Alex at Littlehampton. C & I lunch alone. Children in cottage out of hours and getting from Inez substances they want to eat. Read New Statesman and Times. Rogers managing of lawn mower. Came and mowed himself and made a good job of it. C. picking flowers for house. Reply to Crowhurst we don't want him and Rogers complimenting him on mowing. Dinner with Crickets in drawing room. Spent evening 3 or

Letter to Jimmie. Alex in Littlehampton all day

Saturday, July 3

Cool grey day. up 7.30
filled my broken tooth
worked on letter to Simmons
W. Rogers about loan.
Talked to Charley about
his pay. there seems to be
some confusion between him
and Samuel. Took Willy &
gave him his cheque. He agrees
with Charley about Crawford
and he agrees w. C. about
Reid deal he thinks better
of Newell. Started work again
on letter to Simmons. Lunch
w. C. & Alex. Read Times.
C. [illegible] and I copied letter to
S. C. went to meet Viola just
as I went up to rest. Viola had
made effort to judge the
[illegible] in apple [illegible]
[illegible]. Down to tea 5.15
Found C. back from the cold
windy Festival. She sat in car
with Viola who was extremely
uncomfortable. Finished making
fair copy of letter to Simmons. Din
for C. & Alex. Stewart & Seaton
at cottage. After dinner danced on

London [illegible], [illegible] — Paula came over

[illegible]

up 7.20. washed my hair as usual on Sunday mornings

Sunday, July 4

Cold sunny windy day. Breakfast 9. Read Spectator. Little of

Independence Day, U.S.A. *3rd Sunday after Trinity*

interest, Read article on Mrs Simpson in Sunday Exp. Instalment of book. C. & I to church. Katie has got herself into choir. High Church Mass continues by old Fr— who seems to have great influence wi. Bishop. I found it very irritating we would have gone out except that C. wanted to see Katie in procession. Finished reading Mrs Simpson. Walked down to pond. all running out but I should like trench dug wider and deeper. Gooseberry tart for luncheon. Read Observer and Sunday Times after resting. C. & I had tea with Bobbie and Thomas milling around. Alfreda and B. have gone to Eastbourne. Coming back tonight — with Michael Jaffe. Drinks before dinner. Gin for C. & Alex I had Dubonnet. After dinner worked on letter to Decorat

[illegible] among papers on my desk [illegible]
wash cloth over them

Up 7.15 Another cold

clammy Monday, July 5 day.

Tel Brunner to send address of national archives and to Westminster Bank who say that there has been a hitch and permission must be got from Bank of England before they can transfer certificates. To Chichester w. Bluey Alfreda, C. & Michael Jaffé. C at wall cupboard for Father's room and gilt frame for oil. Home dinner. W. Mrs C. enclosing letter from Mrs Dabson's sister Mrs Hart. Paid bill for K. H. dances [illegible]. Tel. J. W. Chandler for stamps on his & Dick's receipts. Brought ashes from [illegible] for sitting room fire. Read Times & made drink for C. Dubonnet for me. Alex has gone to stay at Eldridges. After dinner Radio News. Read C's My Mother Darling. Very painful

Blue boiler: [illegible] letter returned

Down [illegible] at five 5 AM

Tuesday, July 6

Not very hot but
yet hot enough for good
baths. C. to Brighton with
letters [illegible] family &
Michael Taffe. Out to see Charley
who has a cold on his
chest. Built fire in sitting
room and settled down to
read typescript of Bruce's new
book but got no further in
two whole mornings than the
first page — dull & pompous
and egotistical! Rewrote a
first paragraph. Anyhow.
Sent Davies wire for size
of Katie's bracelet. Read Times.
Sent Davies wire length of
bracelet. Rested. Tea & bed.
C back about 7 and went to
rest. I worked on Bruce's book.
Alfreda bought big Adams
mirror for her dining room.
Wants prices in N.Y. M. A.
[illegible]. After dinner listened
to news and worked on
Bruce's book. Tends bitter fire

Wednesday, July 7

Baths walk hat, Good letter from Peter who is enjoying himself in Denmark where Tania Blixen seems to have taken him up. Ditto from Blanche [illegible] Drove to Petworth w/. C. Alfred and Katy taking clocks to be repaired. Nothing at Denman but found set of shelves at clock shop that we can cut down for Cottage dining room. Talk with Charley is a little better — eased on his chest — but he won't see doctor. After lunch tel. Roger who is at home with Chieftain Cox. Westminster Bank tel. says not yet got permission from Bank of England to sell my [illegible] shares. T.J. Connolly [illegible] and asked them to tel. [illegible] New York [illegible] of the delay. Brian & Alfred to [illegible] for [illegible]. C. and A. looked [illegible]. Rested. C. T [illegible] Butler [illegible] coal. Read Times [illegible] drinks [illegible] for me C concerned that children up so late. After dinner danced

Woke and got up at 6 o'c thinking

Thursday, July 8

it was 7 then slept again and got up at 8. Did up roses for C. to send to Nannie w. Maude Rogden. Nice for next Wed. or Thurs. when Morgenthau family up to London by car which C. hired for them. They will leave it and go on by train to stay with Brians mother in Bristol. Charley brought in blue picked by Ralfie. Has card no better. Tel. Lloyds to help us about sending money to Yale. Worked on Brian's book before and after lunch. Cold grey day Fire in sitting room. C. walking round outside. To wit 4 oz. After tea made some progress on Brian's book. Drinks L-oil for me. After dinner games and fetch tendley letter by a professor who thinks tactics would help use of hydrogen bomb. Made tucks in my mud dressing to fit my waist. No nearly made [illegible]

Up 8. Grey cold rainy day.
American [illegible] Friday, July 9 [illegible]
agent keeping chips out of
[illegible] galleries. Wiffy putting
up cupboard on wall of Pike's
room. Worked on Bruce's book.
Wiffy putting up mirror from
Petty's room, & hammered cup-
board. Quiet. Read Times.
Son came out in afternoon, when
lawn mowers came and cut
the grass which evidently
won't look well this summer
because of the excessive weed
killer applied by Pike last
summer. Rested 4 – 5.30.
Cold tea. Saw Mr Chandler
and Dick at night & Stud
settled certain points in Studio
erection for C. Vermeult
for me. After dinner. Nina
and worked on Bruce. Fire
fire in sitting room all
day. After dinner news as
usual. Worked on Bruce.
Sewed tag-loop on my dressing
gown to hang it up by.

woke 7. too early to get up. Later dozed till 1
heard Eggie calling C. at 5:30

Saturday, July 10

Breakfast 10. C. brought awful tale from Mrs [illegible] Alix has been turned out by Mrs Estridge's housekeeper and other houses refused to take her in — drunkenness and lies. Spread scandal about Eggie & Claydon. Goes about with Willy Allen's son Charley. Spoke to Willy who does not take it seriously and says his son Charley laughs at her. Told C. who was furious because she [illegible] made light of it. Charley seems [illegible] very ill. Tel Dr. [illegible] who objected to being up at 10c. Saturday [illegible] Could she [illegible] tomorrow. After lunch [illegible] [illegible] cd. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Drinks. Dinner [illegible]

G. became hysterical because I would not give her much money she asked but later [illegible]

New coal burnt too quickly and water only warm this morning. Up 8.20.

Sunday, July 11

4th Sunday after Trinity

Brushed and pressed my new shaggy grey suit. Peter had finished when I went down followed soon by C. Read Mr Simpson again in Sunday Express. Cool grey day. Did not go to church. Dr Pepper called last night and is [illegible] Chaney in bed. Walk about place etc. Peter. Mrs [illegible] daughter called but all beaten out and she did not get in. Dubonnet before lunch. Several letters to Russell after lunch and read Observer. Rested till 5. C and Peter who had been up on downs. Read Sunday Times and worked answering letters to Jimmie. Made drinks [illegible] when I shaved. [illegible] Burney spoke on wireless about Beethoven. Peter left. Hooked

[illegible]

Wake 7. Relaxed more or less
until 8. Monday, July 12 up.
Breakfast 9.30 Mild grey day
working on Lloyds Bank accounts
[illegible] today. out to see Charley
down in his dressing gown. To see
Mr Plummer [illegible] at [illegible] with
[illegible] but got in bed. Gave
Newell cheque for stamps + liquor
At [illegible] C. [illegible] me about the
3 Fairfield cousins. Copied out
letter to Prewett. Dr Ford came
to see C. about her [illegible]
tel Burgess about safe [illegible]
near J. P.C.'s to Mayfair the Bible
Supplement and Stocks for [illegible]
all. Rested up till 5.45
worked on accounts.
Mr Burger came to see me
[illegible] how [illegible]
because we did not go to
church yesterday. Archdeacon
called about Plummer's [illegible]
which Mr C. was here. I
tackled her about the [illegible]
Church service a week ago
She said service was [illegible]
and we had a row. I said I
was a Protestant. Take

Took [illegible] last night and my [illegible] seems under control.

Tuesday, July 13

Westminster Bank write they have my 3,547.13.5. W. Miss Wilkinson. Aunt [illegible] was cheery [illegible] up and sitting about. [illegible] says Pepper will telephone to me. Started [illegible] upstairs with electric heater on but soon it was luncheon time. After Read papers and W. [illegible] talk about investments. Mrs Maud Roydon I [illegible] her and she [illegible] me for tea on Thursday. Sent letter to ~~[illegible]~~ Prescott + Jimmie to Miss Rita Smith for typing also opening paragraph for Turner's [illegible] [illegible] chapter w. Arthur Bell. Rested. G. to Votes. Tea alone. Worked at accounts before dinner. Made drinks [illegible] [illegible] after dinner music music

Wednesday, July 14

up 8 o'c and cleaned out boiler fire and stoked it. Water hot. After breakfast tel Ellesay & thanked him for good supply of excellent anthracite coal. W. Westminster to put 3,500. of money from sale of Putnam Shares on deposit. Verified my balance by Westminster Bank [illegible] Took me from breakfast till 12:40. After lunch over th— on Charley. He seemed to be engaged but Hattie sitting in the sun said he was much better. Read Times. Day started misty but afternoon bright but windy. Rested deeply. Tea 5:40. Looked up much in Nelsons Encyclopedia, plum deer, or rat & civet cat. Worked on Book. Made drinks after dinner [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Bruce [illegible] [illegible] interested making notes for [illegible]

[illegible]
woke 3 or 4 and worried
about reply to my appoint-
ment [illegible]

Thursday, July 15

[illegible] and family
home wi. C. on 6.15 train.

St. Swithin's Day

up 7 o'c and tended the back
[illegible]. Then after I had [illegible]
came down to look at it and
found that someone probably
[illegible] had opened slide that
leads the fire and the water
after my bath found water
getting cold. Down & [illegible]
had happened and Mr. [illegible]
admitted opening door which
she closed until she heard
coming. Blazed at fire. [illegible]
got [illegible] & C. and good
bath. C. & I up to London 1.30
Stopped in Sloane St. and C.
ordered [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]. I met Miss Cooper her
hair dresser. Porter [illegible]
to [illegible] & J. L. H. [illegible] by
Peter Smith. Left bath for [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]. Got [illegible]
To flat. Tel. [illegible]. Met C. for
lunch [illegible]. Home. To [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday, July 16

up 7.45 and turned page
Water hot [illegible] for bath.
Letter fr Arthur Bull recommending
Reginald Bush as financial
adviser. Marguerite [illegible] home
July 8th. On 14th Bull had
cable she is critically ill. Times
today announces her death as
Muriel told me yesterday. Spent
morning on letter to Dwyer
& Cutter and arranging
finances and saying all right
and proper for return of Weguelin
[illegible] and [illegible] last
night. Cloudy. Eclipse of
moon 12–1. After [illegible] to
see Charles who is better
and up. Told him to rest this
afternoon and every afternoon
next week. After lunch
read Times and started copying
my letter to Drayne. Weguelin
interest in oat deal. [illegible]
Mr Wills who has recovered
from his [illegible]. Read
Tom C. says [illegible] has found
that [illegible] stories taught to
children all sort of vulgarity.
Finished copying and [illegible]

[illegible] Maple arrived [illegible]

wild night and morning of wind

Saturday, July 17

and rain. Davis sent bracelet he has made of Cousin Georgie's Norwegian links with amethyst beads for Katie. Material came from Wallis for G's cream sofa. Talk with Allen. He is bitter against Chandler and others who having good jobs snap round in the evenings after work and do building jobs that ought to go to men in the village like himself who have no other employment. Pay bills. Cousin Charley asks for more [illegible] [illegible]. W. Miller + Bill Thurston [illegible] for [illegible] on increased [illegible]. Read [illegible] of Capt. [illegible] Co. G. + Peter [illegible] in Cin. [illegible] at [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] Times. James Tell came to stay w. [illegible] and my [illegible] to [illegible]. G. amused children with [illegible] going round. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]. Tea. G. took children into North Room

at 7 worked on Bull A the dinner + Fawcetts, Tell & Bluey + A

came [illegible] + sleep till 12

up 7 and tackled fees. Cool
grey day Sunday, July 18, Breakfast
of [illegible], W. James 26th
10. Pages to [illegible] 5th Sunday after Trinity
27th. C. off to church.
Read Sunday Express about
Mrs Simpson. Tell & Brian
duet – piano & oboe. After
luncheon read Observer which
does not support Dr Coote's desire
to remain in England. Alistair
Buchan surprisingly minimi-
zes the dangers of his return
to U.S.A. Talbot came to say
goodbye. Day lowering but
no real rain so far. [illegible]
Bernard & Tania Alexander
arrived. Tea w. Peter & C.
Read Sunday Times. Made up
fire. Out to terrace to see C's
pink spiraea. To studio [illegible]
by Chandler. Looks [illegible]
[illegible] like [illegible] [illegible]
Brian, Bernard, James, [illegible]
playing croquet. Peter [illegible]
A. [illegible] in bed. Stories
from Dickens' Tales from the
[illegible]. Made drinks. After

Sunday Times [illegible] Supplement

Day starting pleasant. Up
7 o'c and

Monday, July 19

tended fire.
Paid Amberley electricity. 21.13.3
for [illegible] 5.17.6 for cottage.
A. told C. that tonight Simon
Roger is named co-respondent
in Moyra Fraser's divorce
of Alexander. Spent
morning writing to Blanche
Dennis and asked for
something of value for Peter
from Mr F. Braithwaite's
possessions. C. and Urquhart
to see Nannie in James Tall's car
which he left for the Urquhart to
drive to Rewell where he will go by
train. Read Times. After [illegible] Dr.
Cole fr. Surveyor called
to make valuation of place.
Rested, up & tea 6 o'c.
Accounts. Drinks when
C. came home. After dinner
accounts, news. B man & A.
came over and I gave them
whiskey. Made up fire
as usual and [illegible] down
to close draught in my
dressing room.

up 7.30 and fixed
ladder for

Tuesday, July 20

Paul
[illegible] bill for repairing
studio. Pleasant morning.
Porter typed letter to Drager &
W. Rager about [illegible]
dweller. Sachs and [illegible]
all newspaper keeping the new
ones. Talk Summerbee who
came to measure up
premises. All unpacking
went to [illegible] to bed.
After luncheon talked to
Rager who came to advise
about lawn. Told him he
could apply coat of weed killer
for £8. After lunch reconciled
my account with bank.
After tea, unpacking further
and tyre on Jill's car which
they are driving to Italy
tomorrow. To the Stark C. to
see Viola at 6.30. W. [illegible]
drinks for Gladys and me.
After dinner unpacking.
[illegible] and gave G. final
directions about the Chelsea

Jarvis came in to see about his [illegible] supplying

Alfreda and Bruce left
for France Wednesday, July 21 and Italy
in James Tatt's car at 7 o'c
this morning. I heard the
children's voices and looked
out in time to wave goodbye.
Went down to see 10 h. r.
fire. Breakfast 9. Spoke
to Charley about [illegible] and
drain[illegible] fund and letter
dated to Dannie also talked
amounts due on [illegible] for
pensions etc. W. [illegible]
introduction for Tom [illegible]
in America. Stuart Burton
Bill Maxwell Crummy Butt[illegible]
Thomas came in and asked
a list [illegible] to be made [illegible]
[illegible]. After lunch [illegible]
[illegible] history of Tennis
[illegible] P.C.'s in [illegible] Rab[illegible]
[illegible] exchange. Charley Butler
showed Thomas [illegible] up until
Read Times. Rested. Bobbie came over
with a headache from a bicycle
crash. Worked on accounts
[illegible] before dinner accounts after

wake and thought my
clock, Thursday, July 22 said 7.30
but it was 6.30! I had
got up and then seemed
no use in going back
to bed. Fixed Spec. Breakfast
8.15. W. Manal Raydes
about pain. Lovely sunny
morning turning gray and
cool. Spent morning on
Amberley accounts and
corrected notes after lunch.
Rested and after tea
and after dinner worked
on Bruce's book which
has no point or purpose
but only random personal
reminiscences. C. is reading
Tanglewood Tales (to children)
and we tried to find where
the story of Theseus comes
from. We traced it only
as far back as Plutarch.
C. then been reading Virginia
Woolf's diary which interests

her through the last. read her work

Friday, July 23

Engagements

Up 7.15 and fixed the fires as usual. Nice letter from Roger about Margery Sheriff-Russell and their marriage. Spoke to Charley about getting Jarvis's scaffolding back to Angmering. Call from Streeter's clockman from Petworth he brought back Butt lacquer clock and satinwood clock and looked at our grandfather and took away my little brass Fancy hanging clock. W. Pagey [illegible] Somerset for his days back. G. R. 1, lunch. Mr Palmer has been to see Mr Goldsmith and Jimmie plays there. Worked on Bruce. Walked to village, cashed a cheque for £2.10.0 and bought some stamps. To rest. Tea and children came over for G. to make seeds with [illegible] Roger in his letter talks of triumphant publication of Kibbie's [illegible] Book. But I have seen no advertisements. Drinks before and work on Bruce

[illegible]

Up 7.15 and made up fire
as usual Saturday, July 24 but must
have poked it down too
much for water though
warm enough was not as
hot as usual. Read Music
and looked in T.L.S. for adv.
or review of Kobbé's Opera edited
by Harewood just published.
Letter from [illegible] Shelley of
idea of J.'s selling Hadley -
Composing letters to him. Gladys
Alix appeared. I was not ready
but made her [illegible] place.
She told me she would go to
Penrith to stay with J. [illegible]
parents if she likes the [illegible]. She
walked with her to [illegible] Store
and got M. + J. [illegible] 7.30
bus. I gave her [illegible] got [illegible]
to give her lunch in kitchen and
[illegible] her to her room. She [illegible]
but she refused to go. I got a taxi
picked up A. at [illegible] House, took
her to [illegible] for her coat and
[illegible] cakes I had [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] came for Wright [illegible]

Sunday, July 25

6th Sunday after Trinity

Pelts home from Margate dinner 2 A. M. Land dinner & very good time.

up 7.15 and fixed fire very hot. Cold [illegible] wind and rain. Thomas in bed with home-sickness for his mother but got better after I chat with him and read Longfellow's Tales. He had had no breakfast & I prescribed glass of warm milk at 11. I worked on letter to President Washington interrupted by reading last statement of Mrs Simpson in San. [illegible] Pelts up [illegible] [illegible] Took [illegible] coat for Katie. [illegible] Church [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] Cart. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] furniture. [illegible] Tea. [illegible] Present [illegible] before dinner [illegible] [illegible] after with cask and photographs.

[illegible]

Monday, July 26

Pdta was waked by the telephone [illegible] up at 6.30 and got off early after seven. I came down and fixed boiler pipe that was burning paper. Another hot day today. D. Mirror tells of Chinese attack on British passenger plane killing 3 Americans. Seems obvious. Spent morning on letter to Press ad of which I seem to have lost first page. Spoke of Alex and Q. I thinks I ought to have supplied the map and related it when I said this was not the time; my object was to get her back to Jimmie. Gladden came over with cakes for [illegible] and [illegible] After lunch more Pay Out letter from Jimmie which I did not open before I went to bed. It proves to be a rather confused complaint that I have not come up to his expectations and my promises. Drinks. Dinner. Bread up and under bath from 6.45

Tuesday, July 27

Bright - windy early morning soon clouding over. Reunion Putnam very attractive spring and autumn. Letter from Mrs L. + p.c. fr. Pierre Schwinger motoring in England + Scotland on holiday. Mr. Ragg. out to see Charley about vegetables. Children all dressed up for lunch. Talk about the Mexican War and the Alamo. After lunch copied out reply to Emmie and sent it to Rita Smith. Rested. Tea 6 o'c. High wind and I did not go out but Cleggy went up and out with the children. P.C. from Alfreds they dined w. Tibbie at Embassy in Paris. Worked before and after dinner on Students letter to present. Papers tell of Chinese protest at U.S.A. shooting down Chinese war planes. Chinese apologize to Britain for shooting down their passenger

up 7.15. pelting wind and rain
ended fire. Claud
[illegible] at chasing down of
[illegible] fighter planes. Dog. Played
[illegible] 1/2 of six expenses

Wednesday, July 28

Picked up sticks on lawn
blown down by wind.
Tied up my woollen shawls
and pyjamas and sent them
to [illegible] Heather. I was
disgusted over behaviour
children. W. Tim [illegible]
about C's. My another [illegible]
in New Yorker. Had Bobby
to lunch with us to [illegible]
[illegible]. Read Times and worked
on letter to [illegible]. Rested.
After tea C. was taken to see Vicky
by Clayton & she left some clothes.
Then one of the Maxwell family & his
children stayed with me and
we sat by the fire with [illegible] &
and talked about [illegible]
until C. came back. Mani
driving [illegible] C. but I have a pain
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

in my back + dizziness. After dinner [illegible]
[illegible] Fabian on radio from
East Berlin. Copied extracts from letter to
J.

Heard Peter come in at 3 A.M.

Thursday, July 29

Up 7.15 & made up fires. Breakfast 9.15. Oliver Lyttelton has resigned. Crowhurst called about plumbing and [illegible] work. Tel. Hammonds for electric bulbs. Another personal protest from Jimmie. Peter came down late and soon went to London. He engaged the girl whom he [illegible] auditioned. She is playing at Norfolk [illegible] for [illegible]. Worked on quotations from the copies of my letters to Jimmie in order to answer his protests. Posted these quotations with my letter. Typed for Peter Smith. Bobby came to lunch as yesterday & was much more cheerful and spoke illogically when he got back. Read Times. Rested. Worked on letter to Jimmie before and after dinner. Gave R. a drink.

Made up fire 7.15 – Breakfast
9. Dull Friday, July 30 and day
~~[illegible]~~. W. Tugal
apart Viola. W. White Heather
Amusing article in Spectator
by Richard Rovere on America
and China: Cut Nanell to
by whiskey Gin, Rum Sherry
at Black Horse for week
end wi. Peter and Horatio
coming. I cut another piece
of Castile Soap from my bar
for my bath. Worked all the
morning on letter to Timmie
Babbie at luncheon with us
and very well behaved. After
letter to Timmie but miss to
post in sending it to Pat Smith
Rested. After tea. Worked
on letter to Prescott. Made
drink for C. Gave Bobby
a dose of milk of magnesia
as Alfreda advised. After
dinner Read Times. Sheila
telephoned that she will
arrive at 4.46 Sunday. Slater

Fixed fire for night

Saturday, July 31

Trinity Law Sittings end

Up 7.15 and avoided bacon first. Forgot my tea at breakfast and Ergo brought it me at sitting room. Bobbie and I collected some windfall apples in Mrs L's shopping basket. Talk to Crowhurst re- work on Annex door. My back very lame with rheumatism at doctors. Mrs L. got me some Kruschen Salts. Worked on letter to Prescott. Bobbie to luncheon and very well behaved as usual. After luncheon. Ordered bricks from Mates. Crowhurst came and stopped my bath-tap running. Read Times. To rest early. Troubled by E's contradiction and rudeness. Rested but could not sleep. Harriet arrived and brought from station by Claydon. Tea together and talk. I think E. was looking after children. Made [illegible] dinner. Closet for dinner [illegible] feet was sore from crumpled coat

After dinner we played G. E. amused

E. read. To rest 11 o'c.

up at 7.15 and made
up fire. Breakfast - me

Sunday, August 1

C. and Horatia to church
[illegible]

SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY (*Lammas*) *7th Sunday after Trinity*

sung Eucharist again.
I read about Mrs Simpson
in Sunday papers.
Horatia and I talked as
she read paper and I worked
on letter to Prescott.
Weather grey and cool.
Children in and out.
Sister's room fire seems
to have lit itself and
was kept burning all
day. C. did not have
Bobbie to lunch as she
expected Peter. Bobbie fell
off his bicycle and leg
is grazed by road and got
his bare leg covered with
manure. No one could get
him up but I took him to
the bathroom and washed
his ~~[illegible]~~ leg. Read over
my letter to ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible]. Posted. Tea.
Took Horatia about. 3 to 4. Tea

make drinks. [illegible] dinner. Talk about [illegible]

up late - 7.45 fixed fire
breakfast Monday, August 2 9.30
T. Bassett & son about @ [illegible]
Whitechill. T [illegible]

Wild Fowl Shooting begins *Bank Holiday (prov.)*

to work on letter to
Prescott but kept in talk
with Haggater all morning
except for going out for
a brief view of Shed that
Peter & his father painted
with bonfire buck wood
picked out in black.
After lunch. escaped to
North Room and wrote
to Tagen and Mr Smith
Rumbo who for head of
Oak Tree Cottage from My
Mosquito in Uffolfd. Finished
letter to Prescott for Peter Smith to
type. Posted. After tea Peter drove
us to St Botolph's church and
to W. Bees. Drinks before
dinner. Talk with [illegible] Haggater
Made up fire in boiler. Peter
arrived about 11.30 from dining
in London with him. I said not a [illegible] before [illegible]

with Wright. Mrs Rennie asked to [illegible]

Awake 6 o'c. Peter and Mrs L.
off 7:30 Did not

Tuesday, August 3

bring Mrs L. in back seat.
Made up boiler fire. After
breakfast picked apples.
Cradley & Nowlan called
left at 10 o'c. Worked
on accounts paying bills etc.
Started in fuzzy grey tweed but
it was so warm I changed into
grey flannel. Posted letter to
Ben Huntington. Made up my
accounts for July. After
lunch reconciled accounts
with Cheque book. Rested. Tea.
Mrs Cruger called to ask us to
Choir play in which Kate
was ask. Gave her 10/-
Drinks. After dinner read Time
and dallied with cross-word
puzzle. Blue Danube sung on
radio. Fixed fire. Worked
on Bruce and tried
to improve some of his
own airplanes. Midnight
before I knew it.

Woke 6.0. and misread my illuminated clock-hands & and got up thinking it was 7

Wednesday, August 4

Discovered mistake only after

Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (1900)

dressing, making [illegible]. Went back to bed and slept till 8.15. Breakfast 10. Hammond's man came with strange electric lamps. I settled down to write to Catharine telling her how things stand with Jimmie. Wrote part of Imogen in London with letter to be typed by Rita Smith. Robert to lunch. A really warm day. After lunch finished reading the instalment of Bruce's book sent by Roger. Rested & had tea. Then went to children's dancing and play in Vicarage garden for the entertainment of the old people from the old people's home in Elham. [illegible] Cassie making house in Bury Court, Kate & that part. We sat with Pink Pepper and his wife. He seems very old and vague. G's green material has been put on sofa & looks well. Read Times

Drinks. Dinner. Chicken omelette in

Bed [illegible]

up 7.15 and fixed fires. but
water

Thursday, August 5

run too
long in my bath and filled it
with boiling water that could
take! But still C. had a good
bath. Claydon took us to
station and we went to London
by 10.10 train. C. took taxi
to flat. I took bus to bank -
Posted air letter to Catherine
+ Jennie after I had
drawn £20. for up - carry
and got envelopes. Then
14 Bus to Brompton Rd. -
got things at Owens and looked
at furniture. Joined C at
Trevor Arms. On to flat and got
things on my list - but could not
find card with names of staff
so Major Baker made us
another which caused delay
but I made up envelopes and
took a taxi and got to Major
Frasers house in Sloane Street on time
C. joined me at 3.0's!
Majors very good - a pleasure to watch
Home 6.30 Drinks before dinner
train

Friday, August 6

Woke late to the sound of rain. Breakfast 10.30 and 3 [illegible]. Mrs Peters on holiday and her place taken by Miss Smith. Mrs Lucas seems to be reconciled to my making fairly free as in the mornings & that I should have a meal. Spent morning writing long letter to Bruce with comments on his new book and suggestions [illegible] in and [illegible]. Weather started clearing before lunch when Bobbie came over and ate with us again. After lunch saw them out. I finished letter to Bruce and walked to Post-office. Met Mrs Dunnage and complimented her on her red dress. She wanted the bishop [illegible] his majesty's answer [illegible] about [illegible]. Turner added to his [illegible] in [illegible] day to [illegible] of Constables. [illegible] letter to Bruce and [illegible]. Met [illegible] in village parliament. To bed late. E. found [illegible].

[illegible] whose shell has burst. That we [illegible] for two A.M. Bed Times after [illegible]

[illegible]

Fixed fire as usual. [illegible]
[illegible] Saturday, August 7 up from
the flat where am & B. spent
the night. Major Baker had
laid out a sumptuous
breakfast for them. Told
[illegible] my idea for a play
as they demanded but of
course they will not do
anything about it. W. D.
Faulkes about Mussolini [illegible]
Rogers "A perpetual delight".
New Yorker arrived with C's
My Mother Dancing [illegible]
[illegible] around
1.30 General gathering.
After lunch worked on accounts
but too sleepy to [illegible]
[illegible] thought
fine [illegible] Up to
[illegible] 30°C. Tea 5.30
Parents had arrived and
Martin & Pinkie came over with
youngest - Jeremy. Took Martin
Washington to be restored to
original size. Made checks

Out. [illegible] in rain, no dust anywhere

fed - Carried thru by cattle
after dinner all [illegible]

Up 7.45. Made up fire. Mark came down to breakfast about eleven and went over to cottage. Ruth Bickett, Mark & Brian came over to play croquet. Pinkie talked to them at lunch. She gave Mark high marks as a conversationalist and does not think him snobbish. I checked Auberge accounts for 1953 and sent them to Alice Smith for typing. We did not go to church partly as protest against Bishop's using Eucharist instead of morning prayer. Rain in night and early morning but pleasant day with sun, but cool. Read Sunday papers: including mistakes of the Windsors in Sunday Express. After lunch, Peter & quarrelled unexpectedly. He went to Bodiam Castle yesterday with Stephen. He had a late luncheon here. We went up to rest and Peter went on drawing with [illegible] and Mark. After tea C. disappointed that Alfreda merely said her story in N. Yorker was depressing.

Sunday, August 8

8th Sunday after Trinity

Another cold wet day.

Monday, August 9

Up 4.- tea, fire and
said goodbye to Roley who
had just had his breakfast
and left soon after sorting
off typed notes on Bruce
book back for Peter Smith.
Checked them and sent them
wi. Bruce's copy and a letter
to Roger. Took them to P.O.
and bought stamps, pack, string.
Lunch. E. preoccupied wi. Virginia
Woolfe whose diary she is reading
and doesn't like her. Dipped
into it. Unpleasant egotistical
woman, horrid about people
and of genius. Mark Bonham
Carter says his mother thought
her a snob. Her diaries suggest
that she had a chink in her armour.
Was it that she had married a Jew?
Rested. After tea read Times
Made drinks for neighbours
who came to dinner and
talked religion after.

Another cold wet day.

Tuesday, August 10

W. Rogers about reprinting all classics and unpublished Series; out to talk to Charley about insurance cheques etc. We have a fine crop of pears but most of the vegetables are doing badly. Rained lightly as we talked. Copied my draft letter to Rogers and wrote a suggested letter to [illegible] Unwin; also wrote letters to Rogers and [illegible] about my shares in Putnam [illegible] of which Rogers wants to buy a hundred more. Posted letters after lunch. [illegible] with all their children here drove from where they are staying in Sussex. Lit fire in sitting room after visitors and tea. Fawcett came over to see us - to say good-bye. Studied Lewis Bible Supplement. C. & I drink before dinner

Morning of clouds and sun

A. with

Wednesday, August 11

A – B

& Thomas and Fergie up
to London 10.10 Ben Nicolson
called up [illegible] affairs of
engagement tonight. Tel. Royal
Ins. to call & go over policies
Checking Amberley account
typed by Rita Smith. Walked
to P.O. and got postcards and
a blank book for Amberley
accounts. Talk Major [illegible]
in Village Street. W.P.C. to [illegible]
[illegible]. Luncheon with Kate
and Bobby who were slightly
out of [illegible] with each other.
It has been pleasant, when
Bobby comes alone with G. to
when we first brought the first
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
bells and [illegible] [illegible] came in
with golden syrup tart. After
luncheon I found G.'s [illegible]
[illegible] and read it again
beautifully written and terribly
sad. G. was disappointed that
no one had praised it more. Alas, A.
D. Peter has no chance to read it.

Another rainy morning. Thursday, August 12

Had asked Claydon to take me to station to meet C. but he cannot - so Tel. Wills who will bring them - C. Thomas & Eric. Grouse Shooting begins

W. Royal Ins. Burgess Cashmeast called to attend to plumbing etc. w. Gray feeble. Tried to telephone to Kingston & sent telegram from Jansen asking what day & hours available. No reply. 12.30 + 2.30. Blake & Kate to lunch in fancy dress. Cold damp day. Read Times [illegible] effect of heat by the Queen [illegible] at Crayford family gifts to Southwark R.C. Cathedral. Sent Jansen's telegram to Brien. Rested but did not sleep. After tea Read Times. Cold afternoon. Put on coat and wrote letters for C. [illegible] was late with the [illegible] They had taken Thomas to

[illegible] John Robinson Crusoe [illegible] G. / dreams

after dinner dreams [illegible]

Woke early and kept waking
and sleeping Friday, August 13 up 7.45
Tea and fire. Received copy of
Keats Opera Book from office
Day started cool and dull but
later wind and sun. Spent
morning looking at
Opera Book and writing
to [illegible]. Paid bills.
After lunch looked at
weeklies. Alfreda and Bruce
had arrived and A. came over
for a talk. Rested. Tea. Read
Times. Trouble in Goa.
Worked on accounts. Met
[illegible] arrived at
Cathay but I have not seen
her and do not expect to.
Made drinks and [illegible] for
dinner. Peter had telephoned
that he would be late. He
arrived half way through
dinner with Natalie [illegible]
[illegible] Fin [illegible] to
[illegible] up in Camberley. She was
suffering from a [illegible] attack
and a bad headache but she
seemed [illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible]

Up late and found fire clogged with

Saturday, August 14

clinkers. Opened draft and let fire burn itself out for Charley to clean grate and build fresh fire. Card letter from Prescott about Hadley. Spent morning drafting reply. Out and talked to Charley about bigger fire, vegetables and workmen's compensation accounts. Lovely mild day chatting with [illegible] after lunch when C. & Peter talked archaeology and Amelya contributed Flem. lore. Went on with letter to Prescott and the same after rest and tea. [illegible] through arrival at cottage for lunch. Drink, dinner and some [illegible]. After tea Peter and Amelya drove C. to see Viola.

up 7.30 made up fires

Sunday, August 15

in boiler and [illegible]
[illegible]. Did not read

Birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne (1950) 9th Sunday after Trinity

S. Times or Observer but only
Mrs Simpson in Sunday
Express. [illegible] convincing
and sympathetic account
of all their mistakes & put
[illegible] and after lunch
up 4-5.30 and after
tea till dinner copying long
letter to Brogatt which
I finished and posted to
Pete Smith after dinner.
Broke off this morning
to pick basket of apples
down by pond and to
get out sherry for G. Alec
and Annaliese and ~~this~~ this
afternoon to see the children's
hopeless attempt at a play
seriously watched on
benches by all the grown ups.
G. 7 [illegible]. After dinner
compared [illegible] & Isaacs [illegible]

discussed his withdrawal

wrote Flemish [illegible]. K. Younger
Came over and

Monday, August 16

Peter and Annaliese left
at 7.15. I saw
them off and make up
[illegible] fire. Annex [illegible]
fire going out. Letter from
Roger & John about [illegible]
and not [illegible]. Putnam &
Leyden Shaw & Crager enclosed
letter fr. Sir James Marshall
about Allen & Unwin's
appropriating our Whitehall
Series. Younger left in car
as C & H were fellows [illegible]
[illegible] written that C. I dictated
last night is about C.
W. Ruger, W. Bank & Scott.
C. arranging vases of gladioli.
Sorry to be [illegible]. T [illegible] I
will get [illegible] to change
judge. Did a little myself.
Nannie back. Mrs Linder friend
somehow his son staying for a
few days. Claydon and [illegible] seem
to have fallen out. Read [illegible]
after lunch accounts. T.O. rest.
3.30. Tea C. A vs. discussion
plans with C. & Drake. News
and accounts after dinner

Up 7.15 A grey cool morning. Letter from

Tuesday, August 17

Jimmie and card from Bruce that he has finished his book. Paid bill of [illegible]. P.C. of Fairbanks [illegible] to Bruce, P.C. [illegible] Quilts to Lady Keeble. Cheque to Ambedon Stores for Nicoll to get Rum + Gin. Talk Charley about vegetables. T.L. + W. [illegible] R.D.C. to clean + pumps out cesspool. Read letter from papa Jimmie which is crazily unreasonable. Started to answer it. Sun came out this morning and then began to rain. After lunch went for walk. Letter to Jimmie. Alfred, Bruce and Katie packed and went off at 4 p.m. They were to stay with the [illegible] at [illegible]. Rested, call from Crowhurst about doing [illegible] work on place. Tea + [illegible] evening at Mrs. L. Eggie + the young men [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] E. [illegible] kept for them. [illegible] [illegible] called in recently to talk.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Made up boiler fire. Mrs

Wednesday, August 18

Dennis's old friend went away today and came in to say good-bye and kissed C's head. The son is staying another day. I spent morning struggling over a letter to Timmins. Weather cool and showery with watery gleams of sun. After lunch out to see Charley about his insurance and I have worked on over a letter to Finance. W. Lloyds Bank to pay Charley £6.18.2 monthly instead of 6.7.10. Of this he pays Rent 2.0.0 and my share of insurance stamps 10.4 leaving for himself 4.7.10. Received letter to Prescott typed by Rita Smith but on reading it found need for revision. Rested. Tea. Card from Bill Maxwell story having amazing success on accounts. Drinks. After dinner worked taking a place in the

waist of my 2nd pair of under-[illegible]

Thursday, August 19

up 70°C. Made up boiler fire. & had letter from ~~Sacramento~~ California by air praising her New Yorker story sender Selmer W. Letley, 1805 Maltman Ave, Los Angeles 26. Took Cranehurst down to see hedge that he is to clear at 3/6 per hour. Told Hewell who paid thinking I was taking his job away. Tied up Rates' pullover & send to Alfreda D. Murray. Support Attlee Bevan visit to China & Russia which has angered America. Cold grey day. Sent tax cards to Trentham for explanation. After lunch told Charley about Cranehurst. Worked at music letter to Press cut. [illegible] Made drinks. After dinner News, Read Times. Frieda taking tuck in two dresses. Made up fire, to bed 12:30

Spent evening reading poetry in Dana's Household Book. W. Rogers

Rec'd returned

woke early and slept again.

Friday, August 20

up 8.50 Made coffee fire. Scout had got [illegible]. After breakfast picked apples by hand for Mr Lynner. Tel. from Needham Tax office with instructions that I passed on to Charley. Thomas and Bobbie had lunch. Later Nannie had Amy W. Paul to see Crowhurst - doing a wonderful job clearing image. Worked on letter to Jimmie. Rested. Tel. Ergie [illegible] took message from Peter that he is not coming till after finger to manage. I would have liked to speak to him. Worked on letter to J. Drinks. After dinner read Times & News. Made up boiler fire. Worked on letter to Jimmie

Cold damp day. Up 7.15 & stoked Saturday, August 21 fire as usual. C. had two letters praising her New Yorker story one from Covici of the Viking Press. She was very much pleased. I worked on letter to Jimmie but it was so cold I put on overcoat and went down to see if Crookshank was working on bridge which he was not. Thomas and Alfred from Vicarage wanting to build house as next one they were building yesterday fell down. Sat in coat & went on with letter. After lunch found some old wood in granary for Thomas. Polly Hitchcock called about altering shutters we got at Petworth. Ruth after Peter arrived. Amy spending Sunday w. Hannah. Peter drove to Buckham where blacksmith is making iron chair. Peter took C. to see Viola. Drinks

Worked all evening on letter to J.

Sunday, August 22

10th Sunday after Trinity

Wake 7.30 Got up and made better fire. Cold day pretty warm sun and more rain. Got to church. Morning prayer and no Eucharistic [illegible]. Read Duchess of Windsor serial in Sunday Express and Sunday Times. To meet early [illegible] arrive to the Parker's [illegible] and secretary Dan Merediths. Fire in North Room. Thomas and Bobbie come over and make a pleasant impression. They all went across to cottage after [illegible] talks [illegible]. Petty unrolled Helen's brown carpet which B. want to put in sitting room in house instead of present fawn which is getting shabby. Wind clears. Drinks. [illegible] dinner. Peter found us [illegible] chest. Worked on letter to

[illegible]

Woke and got up 7 o'c
Peter

Monday, August 23

got up before. He finished his breakfast and got off about 7:30. C. had more fan mail. She has attack of lumbago which she thinks will last 3 weeks. Out and found garage door left open by Peter. I looked at [illegible] model that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has made. He says it is not right and it certainly seems big and unnecessarily ugly. Rather tired myself letting [illegible] [illegible] off [illegible] [illegible] stock. Signed & [illegible] letter to [illegible] typed by Mrs Smith. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] called and told Kathie his address. She is going this P.M. Sherry. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Cool grey day. Worked on letter to Dinnie. C. in damp garden picking [illegible] at twilight. Seems determined to get worse. I hope long past. Kept to bed. Drinks & dinner

Never. C. arguing at Thompson's of children

Tuesday, August 24

Up 7 o'c. Cool rainy day – C's lumbago seems no better. Claydon took me to station and I went to London on the 10.10 train. Arrived 11.40 and went by underground to S. Kensington where I took a taxi to Cranley Mansions. Lady [illegible] looking grey and [illegible] waiting [illegible] waiting for me. Sa Mrs [illegible] who is staying with her. I [illegible] about 81 – [illegible] Confessions of a Botanist and then she talked of her marriage to Harley [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] other circumstances. She says nothing [illegible] [illegible] object [illegible] one could [illegible] [illegible] felt [illegible] [illegible]. She very much moved, [illegible] and taxi to Dawn's where I left tortoiseshell for [illegible]. Then lunch at Newport St. Left tortoise shell mirror at [illegible]. Home [illegible] K.H. got C's stick so that she will have two. Called Maude Claydon [illegible] [illegible]

where she is in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Home 5:37. C. a little better [illegible]
[illegible] was 3 times

Woke 6 & slept again up 7.45
& made up

Wednesday, August 25

beds for
C. as hetty helped. her with her
morning preparations. Tel. Mrs C.
Clark out for Eddie Marsh letter
wanted by Christopher Hassall for
his biography. C. and Tolly message
from [illegible] about his [illegible]
friends Mr Jenkins. Helped C. in
various ways. Always kept
hunting for final copy of my
letter to Thomas that I finished
Monday night. Picked a basket
of Beauty of Bath apples for
the [illegible]. After lunch hunted
for Men of Iron that C. [illegible]
Thomas bought want for his
school report. Found it in
studio. Asked Beatrice about C.
back this morning and she seems a
little better as I [illegible] it again.
Read old letter of 1929 about
[illegible]. Found I blamed [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Read. After
then started a new draft
letter for Thomas [illegible]
After dinner read Times. C. put
[illegible] to bed. watched [illegible]
letter to [illegible]

Ev. girl went on [illegible] day.

Thursday, August 26

Slept well. Seems to be mastering technique of re- entering. E certainly better but still going to her bed. Helped her moving about. After breakfast helped her some more. Lovely day mild & sunny. Letter fr Lucy [illegible] expects Pam [illegible] her back. Tel. John for name of an agent. He assured White Royal Insurance agent arrived from Worthing and we spent morning going over our policies. Offered him a glass of sherry and talked to him about books and authors and publishers. He seems particularly interested [illegible] in later comments [illegible] literature. Tel. [illegible] E. after lunch and after [illegible] - read in gig [illegible] Stanbury [illegible] came sitting for her called her up to me. I helped [illegible] down to dinner room - Read Times after. Rested up for tea up. I went down stairs and E. up. I helped her in moving about - Came Thames [illegible] [illegible] Drugs Drinks. Dinner. Call up [illegible] Nannie - Wardrobe clean

This afternoon [illegible]

[illegible]

up 7.45. Lovely day

Friday, August 27

with Thomas going about naked but for a [illegible] [illegible]. Letter to Mrs C. inc. [illegible] [illegible] which I sent on to [illegible] Hassall re Congress letter. Dear Crookshank - Pi letter to Bill Maxwell to stamp & post and went down to look at his work. He is getting the [illegible] nearly clear down to the [illegible]. D. Mrs C. After lunch revised letter to Times and sent it to be typed. Sent Mrs [illegible] Passport to Ministry of pensions etc. Letter + Marriage Certificate. Rested. C. got up for tea. Willy Allen came and put up cupboard shelves in Cottage dining room. Many [illegible]. After dinner spent evening [illegible] to Times or letter to the Editor + Scott [illegible]

Saturday, August 28

Another lovely day at least in improvement. S. [illegible] morning comfort. C. able to take a bath. W. Rex Belknap who wrote a letter to S.P.S. Alumni Horae about [illegible]. Paul Cruikshank who has finished bridge. Picked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. Our [illegible] is ripening fast. Peter arrived in time for slightly delayed lunch. He went swimming accompanied by C. and children. I went down to study bridge that Cruikshank has cleared from bramble seat and nettles. I am for much restoration. Picked. Tea with C. & Peter. C. has heard from Cooks of her ring and pictures held up for Customs for war of Italian from the Romneys etc. After [illegible] Peter does not want to be involved with Italy. Drinks. Dinner. News

Sunday, August 29

11th Sunday after Trinity

Woke 6 but snatched a bit of something like sleep before 7.30 when I got up and fixed fire. Rather haunted by the apprehension that my letter to Times on Berlin shipping on of not be fully recalled if I'm dead it is published. To church and grateful that service was Morning Prayer with story of Naaman as First lesson. Read last instalment of Mrs Simpson. Rather fair of her enemies Baldwin, Lang and Dawson and good portraits of her friends Churchill, Monckton and others. Ursula Wyndham to lunch did not stammer so much and we had a very pleasant time and laughed a lot. Read Observer & S. Times. Ruth, Peter took C. & children up on downs. I had tea 6 o'c. Worked on letter to Ben before and after dinner. Peter brought back fluid — machine bar-shop. Made individual drinks and

Cut—they may agree & them

woke when Peter and I

Monday, August 30

Mr [illegible] were getting up and found I had a pain in my back which developed into lumbago. F. set fire in grate and said goodbye to Peter who left in the car at 7. I slept again and then had a very hot bath. Wagland brought up breakfast and I stayed in bed. Read papers Marie Belloc [illegible] letter [illegible] in Times. I slept and felt better at luncheon time. Drew cheque for Newell [illegible] duty which Charles and Dolly are going to compute [illegible] H S [illegible]. Signed letter to [illegible] which has arrived typed from [illegible] Smith. I slept again this afternoon. Wagland brought up tea as well as lunch. G. Wyndham tel. and offered to come over [illegible]. Pamela but [illegible] and as [illegible] laid up. I finished [illegible] letters before and after dinner.

Tuesday, August 31

Perspired heavily during night
and woke up with
lumbago gone. Perhaps
Boots' salve helped. My
letter & Scott Ballad Rhyme
was not printed in Times.
Spent morning straightening
out Bank accounts. Lovely
mild sunny day. Bobbie
and Thomas bragging about
N. will get me gin and whiskey
at Black Horse. Alfreda
came back from [illegible] with
Katie. Worked rather aimlessly
on my letter to Sen. Up brought
[illegible] 36.30 and W. sample
letters for C. to [illegible] who
had written about her New
Yorker story. T. has made
drinks for C. A. & me.
Alfreda came to dinner.
After we had a few drinks
[illegible] & we heard the news
and the Brahms Concerto.
Alfreda told us something
of her visit in Scotland

Wednesday, September 1

Partridge Shooting begins

Up 7.15 and made fire as usual. Day so warm that I was comfortable in my grey flannel suit for the first time this summer. Received from Drucis Gold cigarette case on approval for Peter. Hanson [illegible] – turning out 9 ct. and not good enough. Picked apples before luncheon down below terrace – last of Beauty of Bath. Alfreda got stamps at P.O. and I posted letter to Elizabeth Dyer asking for Clarence's address. After lunch tel. Dane about cig. case and [illegible] Deposit about rugs and pictures from Pantechnicon. Wrote RLs of [illegible] House to Charley and Susie. Crosshead does not seem to be working any more. Rested tea. [illegible] we! Alfreda for India [illegible] plates! Drinks. Alfreda to dinner. News after. I worked on cross word

Thursday, September 2

Bad rheumatism and feel weak. Up 7.15 and made fire which very [illegible] low. Brought down my electric kettle as kitchen one is out of order. Mild dull day. W. Rady [illegible] and Steinway Co. Cutting on death of Jack Hondsen sent by J. & H. Viola came over to tell E. at 12 o'C. She has been persuaded to consult Chiesto, who helped Maura so much. After lunch Marie Vee has finished reading of my letter to Ben. Rested. Tea E. & children played "Down in de Canebrake" on gramophone. Made drinks. Alfreda came to dinner and spent evening knitting. E. reading and I writing on letter to Ben. Very little talk. Made up fire which seems to be nothing clearing out. Bed 12.

Friday, September 3

water hot but fires dying from excess of clinkers. Left message for Charley to clean out boiler and build a new fire. Grey cool day. Spent morning finally settling on letter to Ben. Children pullulating about. After lunch sent my letter to Ben, & Peter Smith to be typed; C. Alfreda and Children to Arundel for hair attention. We had long stroll and tea at 6 o'c after they had come back from Arundel. Read Times and small drinks. Beautiful sunset behind church. Alfreda came to dinner again and spent evening knitting and saying very little. Off in after dinner. Peter arrived from Brighton with Jill Nevins after 10 o'c. Made up boiler fire. and to bed leaving others talking.

Saturday, September 4

Alfreda left with Katie at
9.0 to spend Sunday with
Wertheims. Peter then down
in black sweater. Eadie
Marsh letter received from
Chussid and acknowledged
with Amberley [illegible] [illegible] Dad
and returned to Mr Coats.
Paid Harvey Keeper and
Crowhurst. To look at Croft
hedge for Crowhurst to do next.
Came Peter get. Gold cigarette
case from Davies and sent
letter cheque for £80. He
took J.H. to. Burtsham to
see about his iron chains and
then spent some time with him in
his house. They disappeared
after lunch. W. Mrs Dawson to
enquire about Maude Ryder
Got yardstick from Mr Mates
Rested. W. Blanche [illegible]
after tea. Made drinks.
Started after dinner to read
Bruce Lockhart's first instalment

Sunday, September 5

12th Sunday after Trinity

up 7.30 Misty morning with
sun after and on
all day. Made fire. C. left
in [illegible] down and [illegible] [illegible]
letter. Read papers. Did not
to Church as my hair [illegible]? go
Eucharist on first Sunday in month
Read Bruce's book during
my [illegible]. Out for stroll and
picked some apples. Peter & Jill
feel [illegible]. C. [illegible]
[illegible] how to [illegible]. After lunch
Peter drove Jill, they [illegible]
[illegible] to Rome [illegible]
spoke to me [illegible]
He does not like [illegible] Eucharist.
Read S. Times. To rest 2.30
Tea 5. Peter had come back
w. p.c's of Rome [illegible]
Read Bruce's book [illegible] well
written. He knows his subject
but does not seem interested
Peter and Jill to drinks
w. Arthur Reid, Evelyn
Emmett there. C. & I quiet
at home. Peter & Jill left
before 10 o'c. Cross words

up 7.30 another misty morning
with sun

Monday, September 6

later
and rather misty in afternoon.
Breakfast 9.30 joined by C.
Thomas asked me to alter shirt
that Amy made for his monkey
Found Ligeia puppet and brought
my needlework box to prepare
cotton and started shirt.
Finished last night Time
+ word vol. help by [illegible]
Signed and C. posted letter to
Ben typed by Rita 3 meters. C. got
me some more big envelope
and air-stamps. Crookshank
came tell me about craft,
hedge and outlet to pond.
Boys had luncheon then in
Read Bruce's book disappointing
small box. To rest. Tea
5.30 went on with Bruce's
book. Children playing [illegible]
[illegible] C. in Netta's room
Made drinks and crossed
street as usual with cocktail
shaker to call C. saying good
night to children. Bed

dinner minded [illegible]

Up 7.30. Bright sunshine. C: Thomas + Pebble went to Windermere to Sunday. Taxi from P[illegible]. I tied up bunches of [illegible] for C, woke up + finished my key. Read D. Mirror. Spent most of morning reading Bruce's book, — excellently written & I found it quite readable. Out 12.30 picked some plums and did a bit of pruning. Lunch 1.15. Read Times after. Talk w. Newell about clipping hedges cleared by Cranbrook. Rested 3.30 — 5.30. Tea. Read Bruce's book before and after dinner. Made myself dry Martini. W. P.C. to Stenway and to Wilby Allen about changing [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. Smiths about clothes. Dinner of soup, sweet and fruit. Spent evening reading Bruce's — not too bad — and darning my old drawers.

Engie telephoned to cottage coming back 11 o'c Arrived 11.45

Slept well and long, dreams
that seemed endless at
the time. Fixed ladder for doc

Wednesday, September 8

Breakfast 9.30. Opened
letter fr. London addressed
Mr C.T. Huntingdon. Pleased to
the praise of "My Mother Daisy"
and enquiry about book of
short stories from Hamish
Hamilton. Sent cheque for
Stationery. Spent morning
finishing Bruce's book and
careless but has merit.
Took letter out in drizzle.
After lunch finished Bruce.
Read Times. Rested. Sewed
button on pyjamas. Tel.
W. Roger about Bruce's
book suggesting revision
along lines of my notes
for Roger or Pudney. Drink.
Dinner. Listened to [illegible]
Then started reading Calepin
in the Days. You get the feeling
the best part and then it
goes on just [illegible]

Up 7.45 Tended boiler

Breakfast

Thursday, September 9

9.30

Rain clearing to sunshine at 10.15. Tel. fr. Studio Company 4 - attend to clocks 2-30 Tel. S.C. and told her about Hannah Hamilton letter proving my Mother Dancing. 3 hrs enjoyed Ballet on Tuesday night with Alfreda and Peter. Alfreda had a silk [illegible] yesterday. All night last night and today. Did accounts for August. Out back N until cutting beech hedge and gave him Beeches [illegible] except that I [illegible] [illegible] to regulate and [illegible] to Roger. After lunch the old clockman came from [illegible] in Petworth. He brought back my little hanging brass clock and took away the works of the [illegible] grandfather. Rested. G. called up coming by a later train. Read Catcher in the Rye. They all seem [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

dined with [illegible]

Down as usual & tried [illegible]
7.45 Friday, September 10 Mrs Kenney
off to London 9.10 to
see about her tickets for Italy.
Says Inez will not start or arrive
on a Friday. Tel. Hammond
to come to discuss cottage
hot water system. Tel.
Davies to return Alfreda's
tortoise shell with monograms
& has letter from French literary
agent Odette Arnaud. A
nice letter from Jimmy
again refusing my offer
to help [illegible] All
hastily. Spent morning
struggling [illegible] letter and
considering what to do
next. Wrote a letter
to send to the only [illegible]
of the family. Drafted letter
for C. to sign to [illegible]
and Hamish Hamilton.
Cold rainy day. Went on
with letter after lunch
and after [illegible] and tea

up 7.40 Made butter [illegible]

Saturday, September 11

letter from Roger about [illegible]
back. Mr Hammond came
and we got Crowhurst from
craft [illegible] and Bumps and
Reynolds and I spent morning
discussing walls. Then had a
walk after [illegible] in Cottage. We
finally settled on making
of bath room and laundry side
[illegible] to each room at
[illegible] of attic stairs. Crowhurst
and Willy Allen came to make
the alterations. Willy came
after lunch and spent afternoon
and evening making packing
case for the mantel that A.[illegible]
got for dining room mirror
also my [illegible] pictures and
French Steppendale mirror. Ralph
[illegible] Mary brought Father
and Angela Bull. they have
3 children. We all ate in
[illegible] room and children came
over and made a happy
family party. Read Times
Down to see Willy at work
on packing case. Made drink
[illegible] to dinner.

[illegible]

Up 7.30 and attended to bodily
[illegible] as

Sunday, September 12

usual -
[illegible] before breakfast and
[illegible] Alfreda in

13th Sunday after Trinity

bed with Willy Allen at [illegible]
of his packing case which he
finished by about 10 o'c. This
Alfreda and I started prepar-
ing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the
[illegible], my small [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and my
Pizarro [illegible] that I had
given to Peter. It was strange
[illegible] Peter [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] of each.
Wright came for the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with Alfreda
and Peter. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Nannie years ago. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but not
[illegible] enough to sleep. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the
way. Drinks before dinner. A [illegible]

and Charles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Trust [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Up 7.15. Goodbye to Peter.

Monday, September 13

Cool day of sun and wind and rain. Nearly put out fire because forced to scuttle of mostly dust. Coal Down several time and revived fire with twigs. Alfreda's luggage taken off at 8.30 including one of mirrors and pictures. Took Philip to studio and about place. Spent overnight writing and copying memoranda [illegible] of my [illegible] for Harding. Clarissa added [illegible] out [illegible] in their [illegible]. Alfreda and Charles came over for a drink. After lunch Clarissa and Philip read my memorandum and suggested additions which I made. They left at 2.30. Charles had left. I went to bed soon after and slept a couple of hours. After tea talked to C. about the way she should reply to letter from publishers and [illegible] about her writing. Talk Alfreda about [illegible]. Dined [illegible]

dinner with Michael [illegible]

Up 7.30 and made fire
as usual Tuesday, September 14
Pleasant sunny day but
cool with wind. Put out
envelope of postcards of
Alfredas Elderhurst photographs
Michael Jaffe wants to buy
in Quaker dress. Down to
shed and got hammer
and glue that we had
been using for packing case
with Alfredas chimney piece
mirror, my Chippendale
mirror and my Picasso
painting which I shall miss
but E does not care for
it and it does not fit in
anywhere. Spent
morning writing letter to
Bruce about his book
and Careers, letter to Roger
also letter to Sir Roger about
Michael Jaffe. Finished all
letters after lunch - Rested.
E. putting away children ornaments
Tea. Read Times. Drinks and

previous days to Alfreda which
was at Chelsea.

Alfredas dresses

up at 7 o'c and had

Wednesday, September 15

finished dressing when
Afreda, Nanpie and the
children went off with
Mr Parrish at 9 o'c
to sail. At 12.30 in the
Caronia. They left
C. wildly sobbing in
the cottage just as she
sobbed when her mother
sailed for America in 1939
Rainy morning. I
worked on letter to
Jimmie. Fixed up parcel
of Katie's frock for
Mrs [illegible] [illegible] and
took it to P.O. Bought
stamps. Talk Mr
Rattray. After lunch, tea
and [illegible] worked on
letter to Jimmie. Rested
3.45 to 5.30 Read Times
Talk to Mrs [illegible] who
goes on holiday with Ivy
tomorrow staying at
flat and going to [illegible] Saturday

5/- a day [illegible]

Rain and equinoctial gales in night

Thursday, September 16

Clearing in the morning. Up 7.30 and found I had left draughts open in boiler all night so that it was practically burnt out so lit new fire on embers with excelsior and twigs and waste stayed at heater. Greenfields came wet. C. - B. carpet for sitting room. Saw Charley + asked him to get Wally Allen + Deakin for cottage alterations. Shifted sitting room carpet to annex sitting room and the rug there to Peter House. Moved front Hoppers cupboard to annex sitting room. After lunch. May Lennox and Ixel left for London and Italy on holiday. Sent off Thomas Camp books. Rested. Tea. Helped C. wt. letter to Council. Worked on value of my Stadley shares at 30/- for 27 years

[illegible] arrived Drapes cleaned

[illegible] Times [illegible] D. F. and C. [illegible]

up 80°c + made bacter
pbis. Friday, September 17 After
breakfast picked up
sticks on Island. Cool
grey windy day. Brought
back telephone books from
Cottage. To Dr Foulke about
Vida and John D. Read
about letting our property
wanted. Wrote letter to
Ben. Did not feel
at all well. Read
time after lunch.
Could not sleep. C
went to see Vida who
had made an appointment
to see Coates. Fell asleep
and waked up till
[illegible] Bye. Mary dainty
but had no taste for
them and appetite for
dinner. Thought I must
be going to be ill.
Hard work fixing Ben
a better self-ed

Slept until up 8 o'c and made boiler fire. Paid charges for bills. Worked on letter to Ben. C. busy arranging flowers

Saturday, September 18

wheat heads mix when Ursula Wyndham comes from her cottage and wants to lunch, bringing her friend Caroline Hatton's waffle of Rota. Telephoned to Crawford at lunch about work in cottage. Worked on letter to Ben. Watched with villagers in street 3.30-4 wedding of Willy Allard's daughter. Talk by representative in cottage opp. school named [illegible] or something like that. Rested. Read Times. Dinner. [illegible] report. [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] draft [illegible]

Dinner. Drawing room [illegible] for [illegible] talk around [illegible] letters.

Sunday, September 19

14th Sunday after Trinity

Fire still in though draught
open owing to fine coal.
Only appear [illegible] of
[illegible]; Think no
breakfast upset me. Out
and got pipes to be
opened for tonight. G.
to church. Day started
with mist but cleared
warm and sunny.
Worked on list of
addresses for my Hadley
report. G. perfected
flowers in vase. Ursula
Wyndham and her [illegible]
Hollingsworth, to lunch with
usual poodle. Caroline is
niece of Amos, [illegible]
[illegible] etc. Took [illegible]
[illegible] place after lunch.
Talked about Russell baby
at lunch. They left before
3 to find [illegible] and visit
up Park. Read Observer.
Dusted, Tea. Posted letters

Slept [illegible] but [illegible]

to Ben and Robert to Rita Smith

My birthday. Bright morning

Monday, September 20

Pulse going well after first. Cool with [illegible] draught

1/2 slice of toast for breakfast

Put Mrs Chiseley. Mrs Pike says Willy Allen's mother was taken to hospital with nose-bleed during his daughter's wedding. Worked on letter to Jimmie J. Call from Broadhurst and discussed drainage of bathroom in cottage if moved. Finished letter to Jimmie before and after lunch. C. gave me a bottle of gin tied with a red ribbon. Miss Cook telephoned happy returns from office staff. Rain and chilly in afternoon. Sent Rita Joseph's letter to J. for signing. Rested. Gave Crumbert cheque for Mrs Shee's Choir Robe fund. Tea. Read. Tiny call from Willy Allen who will come to us next week thinks her mother will get better. Drinks. Dinner & Cakes & Candles. Read Catcher in Rye

Up 7.45 Boiler fire out

Tuesday, September 21

Built it with ~~[illegible]~~ wood and twigs and handfuls of coal. E. very well when I came down after shaving and after my bath but when I came down to breakfast Charley had put on so much coal that it was great black and was still black at [illegible] time. Spoke to gas-cooking day who had come with [illegible] in van and moved [illegible] about and dressing. Bright windy day. E. tel. R. Veala who had been E.'s. E. has Nurse Origgur to eat. Picked up twigs for fire. E. tel. Bessie of Hoefer basket her Muslin basket. I telephoned John D. Wood about letting A on bailey. Talk Crandall about cottage plumbing and tel. Brockway Amherst accounts. Lunch. Read Times. Out - W. am Charley not to put coal on tonight. [illegible] is doubtful about [illegible] plumbing in cottage. Rested. Tea. Tel Crandall suggested getting his nephew who is plumber. Read Catherine Page. Drinks. Dinner

[illegible]

Up 7 o'c and found back

Wednesday, September 22

fire burnt died out again. Spent till 8 getting a good fire burning again no coal left. only a heap of black dust. Tel'd E. [illegible] for some more coal. C. & I left to London 10.10 Dropped C. in taxi at Hugo his hair dresser in Sloane Street went on to Kingsdown House where I left [illegible] 1st [illegible] a plate and then in same taxi to keep my 12 o'c appointment with Mr [illegible] of John D. Wood. He thought they ought to let Amberley House next summer [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. Made appointment with cottage. [illegible] for house at 2.45. Back to K.H & took plate to Goode's in 73 bus [illegible] to A. wi. [illegible] [illegible] to K.H [illegible] C going [illegible] [illegible] me at bus stop and came back across. Left plate and came back to T [illegible] for sandwiches & beer. [illegible] [illegible]. Met A. Bell

[illegible]

New Coal
up 8 or 9 and found back
fire still piddly

Thursday, September 23

burning. After breakfast
called up Plumbers of P'borough
and found Coker had gone to
Somerset. Crawford called
and C. & I showed him how we
want fixture in altered cottage
bath room. Exchanged landscapes
between N. room & dining room.
Cut [illegible] bay to give me
another piece. Rebuilt and lit
fire in sitting room. Viola
Duffy's [illegible] very surprised
me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
has [illegible] in campaign con-
sultation re: Cs etc. Sherry
Gave Viola camels hair shawl
that I have cut off badly. Cut
from Brackenridge yet. [illegible]
to approve my bath room and
drainage. Rutter. Tel. Nagel of [illegible] D.
Ward & told him Cable [illegible]
but he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
just the same. [illegible] [illegible]
expect it by. Pete Smart. [illegible] Helen
them out before & after dinner. Sold
Daints.

Friday, September 24

Up 7.30 Fire quite black on top but hot underneath Finally started fire flame by poking and left draught open Tel. Mr White of Whitehead and Whitehead Estate agents of [illegible] and he came over and inspected cottage and garden. Sorted out letters about Stalley Vermont before lunch. Crookshank came with the head of his nephews firm to estimate the cottage bathroom alteration Posted my report on Stalley to all family except Jimmie and Ellen for whom I want airmail stamps. Rested. Tea 6 o'c. Peter telephoned something has gone wrong with his car and he will not be down before 9 o'c. Drinks before dinner Peter arrived 9.10 Has been seeing temple of Mithras now being excavated in City. Made up bed for

Fire again black on top owing to small

Saturday, September 25

coal. Tel. Whitehead about a country cottage. Tel. Crossland about latch on gate under dove-cot. Made over and lit fire in sitting room. C. took Peter down to pond. Call from Mrs Cowyer. Peter took me down in his car to get stamps at P.O. + Rum + Sherry at Mrs Jacksons. C., P., + I sherry before lunch. Read Times after + New Statesman. Rested 3.30–5. Tea w. C. + Peter. Read Spectator. Peter went to Wright for a drink but declined invitation to dinner preferring dinner at home. Made drinks. Talk C. about Peter's fondness for Amberley and Alfreda's claim to it — I insist that she must have it and do what she likes with it. Peter came back just as we started dinner. Listened to news. Dabbled w. Times cross word and then read Calther in the Rugs. Made up fire.

Fatiguing dreams keeping me half awake

Sunday, September 26

from 3 A.M. on. Up 7.45. Backache from fault then

15th Sunday after Trinity

open draught brought it up to plaguing by the time I had finished shaving. Bishop's Eucharistic service so did not go to church. I worked on letter to Briggs and C. and Peter went for a drive to South Stoke church. Sherry before lunch. Day of cloud and sparkle and I bought of our liquor. Finished first draft of letter to Bruce Briggs re C. Read S. Times. Rested. Tea out. Peter & C. Read Observer. Made drinks. After dinner usual Chocolate and news. Talked about Peter's school-days. He believes in flogging. Tended boiler fire. Coal too small. Bed 11.30

Telephone call to wake Peter
at 7.30 Monday, September 27 up and
fixed fire in atmosphere of fog.
bacon and eggs [illegible] Dominion Day, New Zealand
in again but it had cleared
by 9 o'c. Willy Allen arrived
and I showed him dry rot
in cottage beams. C. first letter
of congratulation from Blanche
Knopf. Tel. fr. Whitehead.
Told Thomas that cottage was
also in hands of London firm.
Copied out my letter to Brace
from rough draft and sent
it off. Evening had 2 eggs.
Sent p.c. to Bland [illegible]
giving source of "As he Thinketh"
Prov. 23. 7. Tel. Jarvis but he
is too busy to alter our thatch
after lunch. Tel. Lucas Gutters but
out. Read Times. Rested. Tea
Finished Catcher in the Rye.
Pathetic boy of [illegible]
Drinks. C. discussed Alfreda
seems to be unresponsive

Accounts after dinner

Was awake at 4 A.M. restless

Tuesday, September 28

and dreamy with snatches of sleep till 8.15. Made up fire. After breakfast saw Carpenter and Willy Allen about Cottage alterations. C. went down to village and paid my bill at Baconi's. He said Alix used to come in to see him almost every day and he tried to give her good advice. Put rings on embroidered oval picture. Kept up fire in sitting room. Grey quiet day without wind. After lunch over to Cottage where Cruickshank and Willy were measuring beds. Got Cruickshank to witness my signature on share transfer for Roger and Freddy. W. Maddox wit. transfers. Rupert's Tea. Read Times. Worked up accounts. Made drinks. Very good dinner by Eagle. Worked accounts as usual. Amberley accounts.

wake again at 4 and had
difficulty getting to sleep.

Wednesday, September 29

Up 7.30 and made feel as

QUARTER DAY (*Michaelmas Day*)

usual. After breakfast saw
Charley about having Rogers
spray fruit-trees, put seed
and sand for lawn and sand
generally. Also got someone
to patch thatch as Jarvis can't
manage it. Saw Cruickshank
Cousins and Willy Allen at
work on cottage plumbing.
Tel. office about my letter to
Bruce Rogers in Italy, & also
Germany. Rodney sent Tele
Tall Press' to take copy of my
letter to Bruce and post it.
Studied positions wi. C. in new
bath room & bedroom in Cottage
Amberley accounts before and after
lunch. Rested. Elgie & Woodcock
out. Mrs Peters got tea & dinner
over to cottage & other plumbers
worked till 6. Accounts Dunster
accounts after dinner. [illegible] times

Thursday, September 30

To bed 1 A.M Awake a good deal up 7.45 Made fires as usual. Envelope from F.L.H. Continuing my 1904 Putnam dinner Menu. Glued lining of my shoes. Over to cottage: work progressing. Weather cool windy rainy out to stable and brought in my photograph of Botticelli's Piero di Medici and Mezzotint of Children engraved by Ant. Cardon after A.W. Devis 1804. Worked on accounts before and after lunch. Rested 4–6 Then started to read C's Ancestral House an inevitable if not comprehensible quality. Made drinks. Read Times and listened to news after dinner and then went on with C's story. Interrupted to make up fires. Came to a point to stop and

discussed it with C.

Up 7 o'c and got through

Friday, October 1

my usual routine

and a telephone to Hamptons

Michaelmas Law Sittings begin *Pheasant Shooting begins*

in time to take 10.10 train
to Kenton wi. G. Went wi.
her to Kingsbury Station bus stop
where I gave her my key &
watch back and took bus
back to Green Park and called
at Hamptons and put Amberley
house and cottage in hands
of Mr Jordan - I had decided
after talking wi. John D Wood
and Whitehead & Whitehead that
Hamptons are really best.
Lunch Trevor Arms. To flat.
tel. Davis, Bourne, Steinway.
Ate grapes; add jobs. G. arrived
from luncheon at Piccadilly Hotel
Blanche Clay, Nellie St Clemans
K. Newton, Gladys Robertson
G. rested, I made tea. No milk
but found a rock bun but still got
[illegible] 5.4 train back to
Amberley. Mrs Peter ill. Drink
after dinner finished reading
G's Haunted House and talked

about 1 a.m. [illegible] Bed 12

Peter [illegible] Coming home [illegible] afternoon

Woke 4 AM. difficult getting another

Saturday, October 2

of sleep at least. Jumping thoughts of what - to do with C's Illustrated House. Very good but too large a file. W. Chiguns etc. Talk Willy about work to be done. I had made getting room as well as better fire lower in absence of Mrs Peter who means to place ashes in grass but has been taken to hospital. Letter fr. Mrs Kitty, like Herman editor of Opera Blak. Alas Rabbi died in August age 94 Damp dull grey warm morning Sunday afternoon. Read Trinc Read letter from Barrett written on my birthday. Pretty. Dinner 5.30. Peter had just arrived and we had tea together and I got in a word of the great chance he had of his sketch to his job which is now being spoiled awful in account dept. Worked on C's Ancestors house before and after dinner. C. has been

to the Vraty; where writing the Pigs.
Peter went to dinners and a dance

Sunday, October 3

16th Sunday after Trinity

An hour extra of sleep owing
to end of daylight saving.
Up 7.45. Tended boiler
fire coal dust and chips
Fairly warm sunny morning
but cool cloudy afternoon
Harvest-Festival church service
B & I went, Decorated w. flowers
Bishop [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
assisted by a protegé arch-
deacon from S. Africa who
preached a [illegible] sermon
for [illegible]. B & I walked
the fence where one [illegible]
had better be burned, Peter to
[illegible] for lunch and [illegible]
and Bettercourt who [illegible]
this week came for tea. Richard
Walton, Virginia & Cynthia
came before I got up and
were in a great hurry to
get on to Brands where they
were staying. Worked [illegible]
boiler fire I had put [illegible]
before I [illegible]. Peter took C.
to all [illegible] Mrs Burr. drinks

[illegible] dinner a [illegible]

Peter called by telephone at 6.30 and I got up too and attended to boiler fire and laid fire in sitting room

Monday, October 4

He took my Rothschilds nursery [illegible] hut and Rowlandsons 4 o'c in town up to London in his car, also C.B. Radio. I spent morning writing letters to J.B.H. thanking him for birthday letter and to Mrs Keble Little on death of her mother. After lunch accounts. Brought some cheeses from cottage. Rested. Tended fire. Tea. Collected things to take to London. Accounts Made drinks. Accounts after dinner until 10 o'c Practically finished Stanley back accounts up to date. I packed last things into my suit case and dispatch cases up. I strapped with old belt

Tuesday, October 5

Up 7 o'c. Attended to boiler fur. Opened doors drew curtains and opened windows. Finished packing my suit-case. Gave stage key to Willy to get made for book-case in small sitting room. Told plumber to make all pipes as short as possible and to cover exposed pipes with asbestos. To see Charley and agreed to get cord wood for [illegible] saw. Promised Baptiste singing solo in Harvest festival anthem, gave him message for [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. After breakfast packed up flowers & fruits to London. Took 11.10 train. Mild grey day. Dropped C. at Rathurst Gardens for luncheon w. Clarke [illegible] to K. H. and tea [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Graham had not been. [illegible] Restaurant. Took Mr [illegible] friend of Howard's unpacked. Read papers etc. @

[illegible] did [illegible]. Dinner restaurant

Came back and wrote that my diet was not

Woke 4.30 and could not sleep. Wednesday, October 6 again worrying about all the things I want to do. Breakfast w/ C. Tel. Dimbleby about [illegible]. C. went out to Chiropodist and on to Lunch. w/ Nellie St Germans and Lady Diana Abdy. After, she & Nellie went to see Apsley House. I started work on C's [illegible] House. Tel. Helen Sutherland same day. Tried to get through day without my Cardigan Shetland jacket but found a sore throat and put it on before dinner. 12.45 Took speech of talk from to Dimbleby to read for Major Fraser. Took me 1½ hours. Lunch Trevor Arms. Cat sleeping drawing plus Rym and Cat groups. Rests. Tea. Peter came to dinner. Drinks. Sat

playing him laughing - worked on C's

Tel. John

[illegible] in way accustomed

after [illegible]

Woke 7 and slept again after 8. Thursday, October 7 Breakfast 10. No daily woman at work. D. Mirror full of Lord Vivian's defence of the woman who shot him. Immediately after breakfast started work on C's Ms. She went out shopping to Harrods etc. Second coal. Sun and clouds. C. back at 1.30. Resumed work after lunch. Glanced through the Times. Rested. So hardly into sleep when I returned to consciousness that I felt as often that I was not getting enough sleep. Tea. C. went to [illegible]. Opened bedroom window to air room and C's Ms. blown all over room and p. 17 disappeared. Mrs Lumle returned unexpectedly. C at spare room free of luggage for her

C. to dinner at 6.30

to sleep. After dinner found p. 17

Slept well. Woke 7. Slept again. Friday, October 8 Up 8. Spent morning paying bills etc. W. Bank to transfer £500. W. [illegible] about bathroom floor. C. not feeling well. Wedding cake from Alix and Tommie. Sherry before lunch. Tel. Plager. Tel. Bunne. After lunch bus & taxi to Blumi's Chandelier Charming but diminutive. Back in taxi to Bev's shop where met Violet Belonfield in a state of ecstasy. Home after. Tea. Evening paper reports Mrs Wheeler guilty of malicious wounding and given six months. Worked on GS Ms before and after dinner. To bed 12.30

Wakeful night with thoughts and dreams running

Saturday, October 9

in my head. Slept after 4. Breakfast 10.30. Out by bus to [illegible] and bought drug store requisites. Home tired from walking to bus queues etc. Met Ida Carlack and her Pekinese Susie on doorstep. Sherry. Gladys arrived soon. Talk of Peter at lunch. G said he hates his job. I expressed my feeling for G's benefit as we do not discuss Peter's career together she being so indulgent. Rested. Then looked at Times and Evening Standard and made drinks. After dinner worked on G's mss. and then went over my corrections with her. Not easy as she quickly grew tired and sleepy but she took it well and we accomplished

[illegible]

Sunday, October 10

17th Sunday after Trinity

Mild, still, dry day. Slept until up 8.30
Breakfast 10. Tel. John and Mak round and
framed mezzotints of Children
and pets for his nursery.
Saw Paul the image of
John with his sweet expression
back by 14 + 52 buses.
pleasant on a Sunday with
no queues and plenty of seats.
Tied up Ilse's wedding cake
for Alfreda on Mrs Dennis
instructions. After lunch read
papers in a sleepy desultory
way and went early to
rest. Up at 5 and worked
with C on her Ms. W. Mrs.
Cook. Made drinks but by
accident all the maple syrup
got into the cocktail.
After dinner W. Roger sending
£10. for Miss Cook. Then
worked on C's story
reaching the point where Con
addressed the crowd

woke 5.30 and could
not sleep again. Up 7.45

Monday, October 11

No papers owing to
strike. Paid bills. W.
Till. Tel. Sheffield to
cmd Empress Eugenie
bed-side cupboard
W. Maddox. Out by
bus and taxi to see
my Queen Anne chandelier
Young Mr Burne spoke
of bad taste of Americans
leading me to speak of
my old New England
stock. Arranged for
chandelier to be fitted
for ordinary electric
bulbs rather than
imitation candle flames.
Tried walking to Piccadilly
Got C's papers and grapes.
Lunch Trebor Arms. Taxi home
Ate grapes. Worked on C's Ms.
She came home from her film
and we both rested. Tea
Worked on her Ms. & finished
after dinner. She went to

Maddox's W. H. Smith

Woke 7. up 8.15 Spent morning on

Tuesday, October 12

personal adv. of Amberley in Times and letter to Jimmie. Out for lunch at Alti's got Christmas Card. Spent long time after lunch looking for Maude Royden's grandfather from St [illegible] without result. Found respectful note in Bryan's Dict. Paint. & Engrav. on A. Cardon who engraved Tate's nursery picture. C. lunch with her ladies at Quarter. Lady Montague Barlow saw her waiting for a taxi and took her in her car. I came back late and waited. C. at Sainsbury's when I got up & had tea. Viola is there to see Esparto. Drinks before dinner. Worked after us. C. on her story and on letter to Jimmie

B. Cy: Invited us with Dinny to stay for Sunday

Wednesday, October 13

Woke 5.30 & did not sleep again. Up 7.40. After breakfast tel. Bruno who thinks he can put up my chandelier when Horatio is coming to stay on Monday. W. Jones of Tils sending back eight [illegible] the [illegible] & cheque £36.15.0 for his charges. Tel. Bruno who thought he could fix my chandelier on Monday in time for Horatio's visit. Worked on letter to Jimmie. Out for busy walk to get her shoes heeled. I went down into garden and had a strange turn like the one at Oaklands house. Came back and could not think or speak coherently. Gladys arrived and I kept her talking and did not speak myself so she did not know anything was the matter. I told her after lunch and soon went to rest. Up 6 and felt all right. [illegible] my letter to T.

Thursday, October 14

woke three and thought I was lying awake but must have slept. When I opened my eyes it was light and seven o'c. Up 7.45. Tel. Berry for wine and liqueur. Tel. Quadri, Maples, Harrods & Heal's for Chamber pot. to go in Empress Eugenie's bed-side cupboard. Tel. Mrs Palli who thinks she may be able to get one for me. Worked with G. over the ending of her story which she posted to Ruth Smith when she went out for sardines lunch and Maggie Frazer's show. "Away on a shoestring." I had gone out first and had lunch at Thames Arms. Brought back grapes. 52 & 73 buses running all night - [illegible] strike. Ruth. C. [illegible] to wait. Gladys Robertson has been taking grandson 9 years old

& brought her to [illegible]

[illegible] to telephone me. Ramsay [illegible]

[illegible] that Cabaret before & after dinner

Woke 7 and drifted on till 8.15 Friday, October 15 Breakfast / Out and got screws and fixed castors of little chair. Our buses still running but I took a taxi to Fortnum's of [illegible]. Got £ from Knightsbridge [illegible]. Italian muscat grapes as well as [illegible]! Tel. fr. Hyde. Tiny people went to look at Ambulance. Tel. Burne who says he will put up Chandelier on Monday. C out to lunch w. P.F. She looks very well in her red + black stitch [illegible]. I had beef very nice lunch at home with delicious grapes. Read Times and started [illegible] Moura's translation of Volupté d'Être by Maurice Druon – [illegible]. C had come home from a pleasant lunch and [illegible] jokes. I got up tea. Read Simenon. Supper of little kebabs and [illegible]. Taxi to Peggy Ashcroft in Hedda Gabler. Very good

Tracks clean. Name Car. Through

Never prouder to be British

Woke 6.45 and rested
after

Saturday, October 16

next
dull warm day.
Breakfast 9.30. Called
up Mayfair not to send
New Statesman as it
comes from paper. Tel.
Harrods but no
[illegible]. Out and
got over-blown red
roses and Cox's Orange
Peppins. Gave [illegible] roses to-
day as they were past
help. Thought I had lost
my keys. Alice Cambow
to lunch. Great talker.
threatened with glaucoma
Worked on Murder Ms.
while C. O. A. talked
after lunch. Took her
down in lift. Rested
and found my keys
in watch another pocket
Will only carry latch key
in future. Rev. E. Stacker
Worked Ms. before dinner
drinks. Ms. After
Cont and government at
[illegible] Bigelow took

night to Queens [illegible] and Crowds
up to midnight

Slept well, up 8 o'c.

Sunday, October 17

18th Sunday after Trinity

My [illegible] roses are still lovely though over-blown. Looked at papers at breakfast and then settled down to revising Moura's translation of Maurice Druon's Les Volupté d'Être. C. went to see Viola at Sowerbys. She has just come back from London Clinic where she has been thoroughly examined by [illegible]. I dressed in white soft shirt and went to [illegible] by bus 90-73 [illegible] till nearly 1 o'c and then went to 34 Hereford House. Edward & Lady Wyndham and [illegible] Mavis [illegible]. Pleasant luncheon. C. arrived soon after I did. Home looked at papers. Later worked on Moura's ms. till midnight stopping only for drinks & dinner

To bed that night one o'c.

Monday, October 18

Slept— well and
late up 7.15. Tel. fr.
Burne that he cannot deliver
chandelier till this afternoon,
Tel. fr. Hyde. A Mrs Kurtz
wants cottage if ready
soon enquiries about
cooking utensils etc. Knows
Admiral & Mrs Hackback.
Bus strikes not settled but
9, 73, & 14 still running.
C. out shopping on foot
I went by 9 & 14 buses
met Tania Alexander & Molly
Cliff. Cashed cheque at C's
bank and got Pears soap
etc at Greens, C. came back for
lunch & at 1.20. Burne
brought chandelier 2.45.
Looks very distinguished and
C. likes it. At 3 he went to rest
before Burne had finished and
after which I was restive went
to see Mme. de Sass in the sex
hospital. Tea Walked on Monroe

Mo. Jim came to dinner and we wandered
in [illegible] together after

woke 6 and did not sleep
again. Tuesday, October 19 up 7.45
We. [illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. Sent off letter to Timmie
by air. [illegible] typed by
Miss Smith this morning.
Quoted from Freddie.
Tel. Hampton about cottage
Mr Joyde says Mr Keuls
who wants it knows
the Mattresses. Told him
that work is promised to
be completed by November
1st. Worked on Myers
translation. C. out to
lunch with the ladies.
I had lunch at Thurgo
Arms and came back
and went on working on Ms
C. came back from her lunch
at 3.30 and I went on
till 4. Rested. Tea and
worked on Ms. revision. Peter
came to dinner. Made drinks.
Worked on Ms. all evening.
C. upset because C. ladies
has told everyone what [illegible]
said about our flat & food

Wednesday, October 20

Up 7.30. After breakfast took copy of Moura's typescript as far as I had got round to her flat. Tel. Mrs Hyde about replies to our Ambassador Times personal column advt. Then worked all morning on Moura's MS. — very careless translation and one sees that she really does not know English. Went on after lunch and C. & I to rest early. Horatia arrived while we were asleep. Up at 5 and joined by Horatia for tea. Talk about Sib and Freda. Make cocktail for C & me. Horatia had sherry we had white wine for dinner. After dinner repeat evening up to 12 on Moura's MS.

☉ Not in bed till about one o'c

Thursday, October 21

Awake in night and early morning but then slept till 7.45.

Trafalgar Day

Took instalment of T.S. to Mowrer's. C. out to hairdresser and Horatio out to Charles St. loaded with parcels. I spent the morning writing to Catharine. An air letter came from her this morning suggesting a referee for Hadley. I telephoned Mrs. Crossland to tell her husband to get Hammond over as Rt. cottage electric hot-water system does not work. [illegible] [illegible] that they have shortened the pipes. C. & Horatio back to lunch & we talked after about C. Wyndhams evidence. Rested. After tea to Lady Barlow's for drinks; American Standard oil Mr & Mrs Anderson

& Lady Cook: After dinner

[illegible]

Woke up 7.45 After

Friday, October 22

breakfast took instalment to Moura. Paid bills. Worked on Moura's Ms. E. went to E. Wyndham's to meet Mildred Cosford and Irene Roberts. I had sandwiches at Tudor Arms and took my silver mug to Jones to mend the leak. Got grapes at Int. Store and Meltz tablets at Crane. More work on Ms. E. came back at 3.45 having had pleasant lunch with [illegible] for her story of the time Vera got drunk on vodka. Rested. E. went to Moura's. I worked on Ms. Drinks for [illegible] and myself. After dinner tel John Mathis book about Mrs Kurtz

worked on Ms. till 12.30

worked on Monica's MS. till 1 A.M.

Slept well **Saturday, October 23** up 7.45

Breakfast 9.30. C. has letter from an agency in N.Y. asking for television and dramatized right of M.M. Dancing. Tel. Madame Bagdini's housekeeper. She is sick in Essex hospital with her obscure kidney disease but a little better. Tel. Wy Smith Ltd. electric light lamps for chandelier.

C. had one of her attacks of aural vertigo which alarmed Horatio who was just going out. I went to Harrods and got smoked salmon and to Teppers for envelopes. C. was better when I got back but she had her luncheon on a tray in the sitting room. She went to rest soon after and I translated a bit. Then I too went to rest and slept two hours. Horatio came back from Norah Smith's and rested and we all met for tea and talked. Later Jo & Bertie had brown bread and smoked salmon and then went to the play Mr. Pickwick. C & I had drinks, and after dinner I worked till 12 on MS.

To bed 12:30. up 8.15.

Sunday, October 24

Mild damp day.
Cleared up papers. Settled down
to Maurice's Ms at 11.15

19th Sunday after Trinity

worked till 12.45. Denis
Mackail came to lunch and
C. & Dorothea & he talked mostly
about the feelings of their
acquaintances. I went
out for a brief time in the
garden and then went to
rest. worked on Ms after
tea. Dorothea was out to
tea and dinner with Baroness
Cederstrom and Mrs Stanley.
Peter came to dinner. I
told him that C's influence
was good for the mind.
After dinner I spent the
whole evening up to 12:30
on the Ms. It is well
written but not well
constructed, it does not
make a whole. Maurice's
translation has little or
no real feeling for the original

One o'c. when I went to bed. Slept until
Monday, October 25
and up 8 o'c. C. up too
and went to her new
dentist at 9.20. I planned
to go to Watson Walden a
blue country suit of
boat tweed, and see other
cloth merchants about the
stuff on my grey suit and
see heirs about stone for
sharpening razors and get
my hair cut. But first
I wanted to finish the last
3 pages of the chapter I was
working on. Worked all
morning and had not
finished at lunch.
C. came back with good news
from Dr. Haggard who
is going to treat her gums
by [illegible] and bleach her
teeth. Horatio in for lunch.
Finished my chapter at 3.45
& took copy to [illegible]. Ernest
[illegible] Evans opened door. Gardener
burning leaves. Mild sunny day.

Cooler. Tea. Horatio to [illegible] @ [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. C. & I dressed for dinner

worked till 12

up about 8 0'c with Horatio
stirring Tuesday, October 26 in
preparation for leaving
at 10 o'. left go to Sidmouth
I started at once after
breakfast to finding the
first three pages of the
Chapter I was working on
and it took me till 10 o'c
C. had left for her
luncheon at 12.30 with
the ladies and Mildred
who wanted C to sit next
to her but S [illegible] got in
first to Mildred annoyance
I took Ms. to Mourne and
had lunch at Trevor Arms
then taxi taking suits to
Tailor Horsley in Ned Beale [illegible]
at which [illegible] man brutally
babbled off my shetland but
could not match my
broad-[illegible], left it with Watson
to try to match. Met Alan
Delgado there & his wife. To
Weeks about razor strop & oil

[illegible]

[illegible]

woke early and slept-
late

Wednesday, October 27

breakfast
10.15 Tel. Mr. [illegible] and for
an appointment to have
my hair trimmed. Tel. Dr.
Wade that it is all right
about Mrs. Knight. I had
telephoned to Admiral
Holbrook last night who
knows her well. Put 15 w.
lamps in chandelier and
they suit room very well.
Worked a little on Ms. and
then went out to lunch at
Athenaeum. Accosted by
the awful Barry and then
as I came away greeted
warmly by Clough
Williams Ellis who is
going to Trinidad. I told
him about my family
connections. Chas. [illegible]
Gladdie W. Antoinette & Freda
Wheeler. Hair trimmed. Tel.
Susie sympathy on Charles' death.
I had thanks from her this
morning. Tel. Alfreda & [illegible]
[illegible]. Plates. W. Susie

[illegible] 100. W. Susie. Paid

W. Mrs. B. [illegible]

Up 8 o'c Tel Burns.

Thursday, October 28

Tel. Dunhall to bring bed from Ambulatly
Spent morning as usual on Maurice's Ms. nearing end. She wants a different title. French title La Volupté d'Être — hopeless. Burns Junior came and put silver chain on chandelier after lunch. I showed him glass bowl on dining table and glass sconces all of which he respected. Worked on Ms before meeting and after tea. To Freda's cocktail party for Deirdre and Aidan Crawley. Talk Angus Menzies, and his mother Deirdre Francis Beatt. Nellie St-Germans. Leigh Ashton intimated that Churchill is thanking John Rothenstein for his compliments on his paintings. Work Ms. after dinner till 12.30

Friday, October 29

up 7.45. C. to dentist-
at 9.40 Ms
Hargemann is treating her gums
I tel. Mrs Pall about my
Chamber fat - Tel. Dudnell
to call for bed at Amberley.
Tel. Moura and asked to
try to get someone else
for her Italian dinner by next
Tuesday. Mrs Lennie & Effie
left for Amberley at 10.30
I worked on Moura's Ms
Man called from Mr Moura's
for 95 mattress. I went out
for lunch at Tower Arms
at 1.30. Then came back
and finished Ms at 3.30
C. came back from lunch
with Lady Pelgh at 3.20
I took Ms. & Fr Stagenal to
Moura's ms note suggesting
Chamber Sangiami as letter. To
P.O. and registered Mme L-Sesi's
Ms. out to Peter Smith. Packed
Tea. Peter came with his car 6.30
and we drove to Amberley. Mild

weather. Never hot with fires. Drinks. Dinning

Read papers. Made up London fire

Up 7.45 – Awkwardly. Made up boiler fires and

Saturday, October 30

started fire in sitting room. After breakfast C & I went over to Cottage. Charming little bedroom made out of old bath-room and housemaids cupboard and excellent new bath room from little maids room. They think the hot water system will now work well. Talk Widdy Allen. He has fixed shelves in dining room so they are straight but the shelves he has made in middle room are very rough. Talk Brauchmann about clearing away rubbish, all over the place to prepare him well worth. Paid bills. Looked at papers after lunch and then rested 3.45 to 5.30. Tea. Sunny morning but rain P.M. Read papers. Made drink and opened bottle of Claret. After dinner W. draft

Letter to Shannon of Head quarters

about Prescott House

Sunday, October 31

20th Sunday after Trinity

Up 7.45 and made up fires
in boiler and
sitting-room. Kitchen still
smells of high chicken
that Mrs Lemmer got from Salmon
Calder eating day. Did not go
to church. I spent morning
reading papers until Peter took
C. to see Viola Meyrick. W. Toq
asking if he knows a heart
specialist who believes in better
exercise as [illegible] Mackey [illegible]
[illegible] dead did. Worked on letter
for C. to write to Shawn of New
Yorker calling his attention to
[illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] by
aunt to Bell Maxwell. Lunch.
Talk about Shawn & Bill &
story to C. & Peter. Peter helped
C. with bedding in cottage for
tenant and also washed the
car. Long rest. After tea
[illegible] [illegible]. Made [illegible]
after dinner [illegible] things
to [illegible] and played
with Tina cross-word puzzle
Made up boiler fires as
usual. Claydon wrote [illegible]

In [illegible] [illegible] 11.45

Cutts called by telephone 6·30

Monday, November 1

Fox Hunting begins

Joe dressed and had breakfast very quickly. Came up to say good bye to me at 7.20 and left in his car for London. I made up boiler fire and made fire in sitting room as usual. Tel. Hammond to call about electricity. After breakfast worked in cottage with C. & Welly Allen. Had Welly hang and change pictures. Had Welly force door open at foot of cellar stairs. Tel. Warren grindel doctor about Mrs Peter who called to see C. looking very frail. Dr Warren thinks it will be all right for her to work in December. Tel. Strube about clocks. After lunch Hammond's young man called and I arranged for him to put a heater point in cottage cellar & put plates on shelves in cottage dining room. Strube brought back grandfather clock works

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for Peter's sale
Pictures; Parker; Drink[illegible]

Up 7.30 Ambuling and
make up fires as

Tuesday, November 2

usual in boiler and sitting
room. After breakfast see
Charley Kelly and Crookshank
about "work". Charley says
[illegible] made an awful scene
over his dismissal but he
is too old and feeble and for
the time does not [illegible] and
there is nothing for him to
do in the country. Hammond
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
having and [illegible] [illegible] about
[illegible] point at that of cellar
stairs. To [illegible] 11.10. Talk
to Curtis [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I went on to [illegible]
[illegible] etc. Then to Town
Hall for lunch. Back to tel.
Davis for [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] that. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Tel. Engle to call Charley [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]. to Mrs K. at [illegible]
[illegible]. 6.41 dining [illegible], [illegible]
Ambassador & his wife; [illegible]

and Robert Bentley. Gilbert [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday, November 3

I left late. Breakfast 10.30
Tel. Freda about
books for her sale. C. out to
have her hair done. W. Moura
Freda, Tagra, Rupaan. C.
home for lunch 1.30.
Democrats leading in
Congress and State Governor-
ships so far. C. home for
lunch 1.30. Tel. Brighton
Telephone Manager as request.
about account which they
found was correct and
apologised for troubling me.
Put away books that I
had brought from [illegible]
C. had [illegible] early and
went to dentist. I rested
to 5.30. C. home for tea 6.
after bad time getting a taxi
in rush hour at Oxford St.
Read papers after tea. Made
drinks. After dinner worked
on accounts completing
September and details
Cut out [illegible] papers.

Dreamed of making Charley's
wreaths

Thursday, November 4

of red
roses. Awake 5.30 but
slept again up 8.20. U.S.
Democrats control of Senate
with independent. Safe
control of Congress. John
Lodge defeated as governor
of Connecticut. Out and
bought slip-overs, shirts
socks pyjamas at sale of
English Royal Opera Arcade.
Saddle Lamb mixture at
Strathmore's, Cheese Pasties, Ham
1-5. G. had been out at
Harrods and came back 1.35
Talk about Fu Sanzini back
sent this let to Grady Deacon
Read Times. Paid Landau Moving
Rates. Glad that I slept long
enough to be excused from
going to see Epstein tonight
up 5.45. E. Standard says
Duke of Edinburgh prefers
to be called Prince Philip. I
have always said that was his
rightful description. W. Epstein
Drinks. Dinner Read Reminiscences

work on Bells

Russian ballet - going crazily
round in

Friday, November 5

my
dreams and awake early A.M.
so that I could not sleep. Up
7.30. Decided on Stuydin's
Brocat trimmed w. yellow
spots. Took sample to Watson's
& ordered suit. Stopped at
Young's for apples & grapes
and at P.O. for stamps.
Pip came to luncheon and
our talk was solely about
homosexuals and Oscar
Wilde the unveiling of whose
plaque in Tite Street Pip
attended. W. Phillips Bradley
Rested but did not sleep.
L had one of her restless
turns at the time and
did not feel right for
rest of day. I shortened
stitches of velvet sheet
before and after dinner
a soothing occupation but
as usual I shortened them
too much. Bed 12 M.

Fine weather in Park

Saturday, November 6

Slept well up 8.15. Letter fr. Pauline Willis enclosing one from Barrett, W. [illegible] Wilkie. Tel. Emp. Leab. about Sable Cape. Out and got darning wool for my socks and grapes. Found Peter here when I got back and pressed him to stay to lunch. He is going Stornaway to spend a day or two with Evans. W. Emp. here after lunch. Rested and slept deeply. Read Times. W. Burdett commenting on his letter to Pauline Willis which she sent me. Made drinks. Peter came to dinner. Looked at Paul's analysis of the handwriting in contemporary signatures including Joseph Story & Epes Sargent. Paid Crookshank - W Clarke. Mended socks + pocket of suit

Slept well and got up 8.15

Sunday, November 7

After breakfast spent an
hour reading Sunday

National Day of Remembrance 21st Sunday after Trinity

Times, Observer, Spectator
New Statesman. Damp
windy day. W. White
Heather Wright has stitched
in my collar and to
Watson to save for
me scraps of material
from my new suit
out- to walk in Princes
Gardens. Sherry before lunch
Talk B. afterwards about
Huxley. Checked my counter-
foils. Rested. Tea. Cleaned
B's curling tongs + sharpened
her pen knife. W. Rogers
proposing R.S.L. + asking
return. She is going to get
in arrears on account of paint
for Mayra. Accounts
Made drinks. After dinner
accounts until midnight

Monday, November 8

woke 6.45 and went to sleep again till 7.45. Dull cold November day. Letter from Phyllis Whitworth. Breakfast brought by Newman a failure. Spent morning on Amberley accounts which I finally agreed with bank statement. C. went out and came back at 1.30 with her new black hat from Mrs Sweeting. She met Mr O'Brien. After lunch tried to get C. to ask someone else to meet the Bulls for dinner but she will never get up a party. Accounts. Rested but did not sleep. Did not feel equal to going to the Epstein. Tea. accounts. C. went to see Moura. Made dry Martini for myself. She had drinks at Mouras. After dinner I worked on accounts until midnight. Cant explain Amberley expenses

Wake and up 7.30
Breakfast 9 o'c

Tuesday, November 9

Lord Mayor's Day

Letter from Epstein returning me £125-0. that I advanced for Hartley's bust in May '53. Had letter from Hampton & C. from Mrs Kurtz complaining about lack of cooking and cleaning utensils. Letter to Hamptons not nice. letter to C. snarls w. Mrs Kurtz. Letter fr Mrs Reid complaining about dismissal of Reid. C. saw Mrs Conway who [illegible] well Sabbe cups which she may buy. I went to English [illegible] & bought shirts & drawers. Lunch Ath. Rene Wallace told him [illegible] acknowledged letter giving information about General Sandeland he had asked for. To W. Bank. St J. S 4.6 deposited Epstein's returned 250. Same [illegible]. Called Frede under books for his sale. Sib came. Hand drinks. Dinner

T.V. 5 pm. Hugh came to tea. Sunday
7.30 pm. Delgado. Cash

W. [illegible]

Up late; look out every

Wednesday, November 10

morning for letters about Hadley by Charley Butler but nothing came. Out at 11.30 to see Geoffrey Whitworth's bust at British Drama League. Bus delayed in Oxford Street traffic jam and got to Fitzroy Square only at 12.45 Saw bust which has a monstrous modern effect but considerable merit. Talked pleasantly to Mathew Beaumont the Chairman. Home 1.30 by 14 bus much quicker than 73. Read Times. Tel. Miss Canning about each cups. Rather: Jack cups returned as [illegible] C. wanted to see it tonight. W. helps about cups. Tea. Called [illegible] who admired Mac [illegible] her dust. Drinks early. After dinner to George's party to see

his Rendezvous visit

up 8 o'C. Tel MacFall
about Thursday, November 11 Wyleys
guest. Tied up feeling
from little SCOTTISH QUARTER DAY (*Martinmas*)
Elsa at Szasz's manuscript.
Sent A's ~~[illegible]~~ Court
picture p.c. to Pauline Wells,
w. brief thanks for party to
Geury. W. Bishop Glasgow
about Clarkson Reader.
Lunch Tudor Arms. To
Youngs and bought grapes
black and green and
apples. Q. came home
from lunch with Ida
just as I was going to
eat. We both slept
well. After tea I read
Times and E. Standard
and then settled down
to mending my grey
suit — fixed jacket
collar, trousers turn ups.
Drinks. After dinner
continued tailoring till
eleven and had not finished
suit, coat insides pockets still to do

Friday, November 12

woke 6.45 and fell asleep again and slept till 8.30. Breakfast 10 o'c. G. had call from Olivia Sowerby to explain how many children and needs they and Frances had to support to justify them in letters. G. lay for Polar expedition about flowers Japan, America-. Took Mme de Sgazzi's TS. which G. had offered to Dr Allison in Exeter Court. Taxi back. G. & I lunch Edward Wyndham Humphrey & his wife, Lady Kathleen Brealey and Sally Strathnaden. G. & I afterwards to Harrods. Found and bought flowers for G. to take to Nicols. G. G. dentist. I came home. Rita G. back 5.30 and after busy rest she joined me for tea W. Phyllis Whitworth, Alec Barlow Drinks - Mended coat after dinner

Letter from Rebecca that she has arranged

Saturday, November 13

for Charley's wreath of red roses. Letter fr. Wally Allen that he has gone back to work for a time for Mr Ruff. Fairly bright day. C. out to see [illegible] Roscoe's exhibit at V. & A. I out to get my tortoise-shell spectacle frames adjusted by Meyrowitz [illegible] closed. Got cheese at Paxtons & Grapes Jacksons. C. came home with leaves and flowers. After lunch read Times & watched TV rest 3.15–4.45 but did not sleep. Worked tailoring. Made drawers & opened [illegible] of closet. Peters & Stephen to dinner. Stephen's sister is getting substantial war damage claims as she is British but she is sharing with him. Talk of Gerry's Russian visit and his party. Went on tailoring. Fixed up frames of Peter's little Persian water colours

Sunday, November 14

22nd Sunday after Trinity
Birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles (1948)

Woke early but slept again and did not wake finally till 7.45. Cool sunny morning. I took [illegible] 73 bus to [illegible] Road to see Peggie Wyndham who was still in bed after the fall which prevented her from coming to her luncheon party on Friday. Walked to Grosvenor St. Stop and bus the rest of the way. John and Kay to lunch bringing Paul who is a good sweet baby. After they left we rested. I wrote to Sunday Times in reply to question by Sir St Vincent Troubridge who asked who wrote Life on the Ocean Wave Epes Sargent or N. P. Willis. Drinks. Sunday night soup and salad dinner. After dinner spent evening thinking. Different sounds black on black

[illegible] rearrangement of Willis papers

Ralph S. Warner

W. Bishop [illegible] about

Monday, November 15

village hall in reply to letter to him. C. took to dentist. Her story Ancestral House declined by N. Yorker. Tel. Cameo Corner about a garnet. Tel. Berry for wine. Out and cashed cheque for £5. Ch. + Bank. Returned Davies garnet and asked him to look for lorgnette chain. Got stamps Ch. + Rd. Lunch Horseshoe. Chef in cap + white coat. His brother gone, but has his young wife in red coat and boots. Round St. 25 bus, got fur in big box fr. Debenhams. [illegible] had spectacles fitted. Have seen C. lady. Rubbers on and Ruth's knees! C + I looked at fur — curled but 3 bad gaps. C. upset because Bill Maxwell has reported refusal of Ancestral House rejected. Read papers. Made drinks.

worked on letter to
Prescott Tuesday, November 16 Hunter &
and then at 12 took Clark
ostrich fan back to Dy-
velhaely to have gaps
closed. V. wants to give
it as a wedding present
to Magee Fraser. Traffic
jams delayed me in
getting to Athenaeum where
I found David McFall
waiting for me. We had
a pleasant luncheon
and long talk about Hardy
bust which he is keen to
do. He wants £450. which
we have one at de Laszlo
collecting. Hamon [illegible]
deeply. C. had been to his
[illegible] luncheon and an
Italian film with Ruth
Leigh. Tea 60°c. Read
E. Standard & Times. McCarthy
business still occupying U.S.
Senate. Drinks. After dinner
news. Finished draft letters to

Prescott & [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] letter about St[illegible]

My Christmas mug came

Wednesday, November 17

back from Jones beautifully polished and mended. C. went out to hair-dresser etc. I tel. Miss Cook at Casino Corner who says she has a [illegible] garment for me. Tel. Tate gallery who say McFalls sculpture is a bull calf. Tel. McFall and went to 45 Clube Pl by bus and taxi. Much pleased with his work especially bust of Taggart & Ve [illegible] Reclining Pocahontas for Cassell. Buss to Ken: High St. looking for grapes which I finally got at Sainsburys – cheap smelly place! C. got home a few minutes after me. After lunch she went soon to rest. I tried to get Benghi [illegible] N. Harmer [illegible] back on. Read Times. Rested. Tel. Oliver – grudgingly approves of McFall fading Epstein. Tea w. C. out to [illegible]

Thursday, November 18

Tel. Bank for list of
subscribers for Bradleys
bust -. Tel. Phyllis W.
for her approval. Tel.
McFall asking him to
lunch tomorrow. W.
N. Hamner for his approval
C. consulted me about grey
dressing gown which her
Russian dress-maker has
made for her. Evening went
to Charles to move my
piano. Regan came to
lunch and told of his
Hampstead house. Says
there are great divisions
in outwards of N.Y. Brought
news from Mrs Coats present
of radio and such fine
for bridge. Butler Taylor
lunch. Read papers.
To Bull's cocktail party
Butterworths Adams Munros
et al. After dinner spent
entire evening making
re stories on slides -

W. Dr Aufmann about
Dr Bou Friday, November 19 Tel.
Lance Cannon. Took my
dispatch case to be mended
by saddle man opposite. They
say they have given up bags
but will do mine! Their
showroom is full of pretty
coat ties as well as
saddlery. To Cameo Corner
where Mr Cook showed
me cabochon garnet
size of florin exactly
what I had asked for.
Decided not to have foil
at back. Chose 18C. setting.
Spoke to Mr Ord looks
in physically fit but
mentally much reduced
on my old fruit shop
grapes to apples. Mr McFadden
just arriving when I got
home. He told about Nathan
Carmen at Guild, his
influence in Epstein's house.
Showed him Haley photographs & gave him £1.60.
Rested but no sleep. C. came

C. at about [illegible]. Posted letter Dr Prentiss. T. 6.44

back. Jr. dentist with capped teeth. Tel.

Tel. fr. Dr Riesman. He has

Saturday, November 20

written to Mr Bowen, heart doctor
S. Times sent article can't print
my letter about uncle E— [illegible]
Tel Bowen & made appointment
Dec 3 11 o'C. Forwarded Tech
Rev. to John [illegible] as gave
Xmas cards to [illegible] T.
Hospital. [illegible] [illegible]. Read
Dr Stopes's book on sleep 12-1
After lunch read Times
Rested early. Tea wi G. at 5
and then she went to see
Viola and inquired at Goring
Hotel about rooms for
Stephanie who wants to
come to us with her maid
Margaret for Xmas. Viola
no better but Dr Coates goes
to see her every day and has
not given up hope. Worked
tailoring repairs. Peter came
on his way to Johns party
for Harvard Yale game. Told
him about Hadley's bust.
After dinner read stories

Woke 4 o'c and only snatches of sleep

Sunday, November 21

23rd Sunday after Trinity

after. S. Times printed letter saying Life on the Ocean Wave was written by Samuel James Arnold. W. Mrs Peter for Uncle Eppie's Poem. After Mattys Skinners. Worked on Stopes's book on Sleep. Out for walk in Park to Rundbury's Rise. Peter here when I got back. Sherry & Dubonnet before lunch. Alfreda's friend Mrs Wright asked Peter to recommend a tutor and he and I went through my old letters to find names of fathers who coached him in Latin for Cambridge. Finally found them to be Giles & Chaden but they are not in tel. book. Advised consulting Gabbitas Thring. Glanced through papers. Rested. C.T. up for tea. Read Stopes. Drinks. After dinner finished Stopes.

Started my report on
Stopes Monday, November 22 book
C. out 12.45. Luncheon
Echoes. Arthur Streett, Violet
Bloomfield quite normal.
After lunch C. went to
the dentist and I went
to Am. Consul, Grosvenor
Sq. and handed in the
registration form that I
had unnecessarily filled in
with old details but
they said it was all right.
Then to Oats. Bus to
Clemens & got shaving
soap etc. and graphs
at Youngs and stamps P.O.
Living material Huxley &
Nichols. Home rested but
could not sleep. Accounts
Tea wi C. Finished my
report on Stopes book
Made drinks. After
dinner read Times. Sewed
coat lining

Completed ownership of Cont-
inuing Tuesday, November 23 C. out
to lunch with Thelma [illegible]
Reis, Mr + Mrs Colin Coote
Michael Stewart & Max Reinhardt
I went to lunch Athenaeum
Looked up Samuel James
Arnold in Dict. Nat. Biog.
who wrote plays but nothing
about Life on Ocean Wave.
Hunted in Catholic Ency. for
Maude Ragdens 5 or 7
Joyful Mysteries. Have
found nothing. Tried to find
who did Piccadilly Circus
Eros. Olivier Thackers. Alfred
Stevens but not included
among his works. To
W. Bluff St. J. Sq. and
talked to Mr Harte, Mr Shaw
engaged. Rainy afternoon
Hinde visited. C. had a
letter this A.M. fr. Newcastle
lawyer Marguerite Cunliffe left
her $1000. C. made a deal
because she did not leave
more to Bing woods Cousins.
$3000. to Collection Maud

Letter from Catharine claiming in a dignified way the right to spend her money she likes on Madeley. Frances Stewart Palmer called and collected C's sable cape which she hopes to sell. Tel. Standen who says yellow flecks in brownish stones are called Knotts. Tel. Phyllis W. and McFall about coming to studio. Tel. Mr Shaw of Wel Bank about list of C. B. subscribers. Palmer took C. to her dentist & W. Mrs Russell paying for cab [illegible] to Chesley for Chislehurst to prune apple trees. Read letter fr. Rex Belknap. Did a bit of mending. Cut and lunch Travers Keens. Nancy ate a few grapes and keys. 2.15 appointment with Mr Heanard for a hair cut. To see Phyllis Whitworth and took her to McFall's. She was tiresome as usual but fortunately liked McFall's last week's [illegible] sketches

C. went to a film after her dentist

Mounsey & Celia to dinner

Thursday, November 25

Letter fr. Susie about Charley's funeral and my wreath. List of subscribers to C. B. fund from bank. Received Song of the Sea from Mrs Peters. Called W. [illegible] Hopkins about authorship of Life on the Ocean Wave. Lunch at home. Went out and got stamps grapes and apples. Rested. Tea with C. Katie sent C. a huge decorated portfolio which I said frankly seemed worth so much display at which C. made an hysterical scene after they were [illegible] my grandchildren ate little sandwiches but prepared by Mrs Hennig and drinks and then to a farce "The Match-Maker" by Thornton Wilder a regular Charley's Aunt Farce with Ruth Gordon

Tel. McFall about Phyddes
W's visit and account
calling with Peter, Tel.
Mr Fenwick for copies of

Friday, November 26

Letters to Malaya. C. back
— Dr Hargreaves, who is
copying Guy letters. Letter
fr. Col. S. of Royal Malayan
[illegible] [illegible] about
[illegible] portrait.
Drafted letter in reply, also
wrote to [illegible] [illegible] of
C.B. bust, and to Catherine
[illegible] Bella S. [illegible]
[illegible] them. Tel. Pulaca's sec'y
[illegible] for lunch. Out for
a walk in gardens. Trees
show no sign of bloom.
After lunch worked at
papers. Rested. Tea
alone with Mr. Viola [illegible]
week. C's introduction of
[illegible] has done no good. Copied
out extract to Churchill re
Letters to Malaya and sent it
to Times and Daily Mirror

Dyson's · Dinners · Read Voyage · Hollands

Funk Son of Odessa Wrede

W. H. Hannan acknowledges
his

Saturday, November 27

authority
to pay Mc. Fall £150. Sent
it to Westminster Bank
W. [illegible] about
Charley's [illegible]. Alfredo's
Pakistani friend came to
see C. Later they went
out to Harrods and
Peter and I went in his
car to McFalls studio
I wore Harley's fur coat
and shoes and carried his
dressing gown. Peter
was very [illegible] interested
and attentive. Back to
lunch with Peter + Ida.
Sent Ampleby Xmas card
to Charley. W. Crowhurst
about things for him to do
Rested. Tea. Read Times
and E. Standard. Made
drinks. After dinner read
Barnes Rise of Xianity
He is a devout man and
he makes Xianity accord with reason

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday in Advent

Read S. Times. Made lists of people for [illegible] & [illegible] Xmas cards. Out for walk in Park. Old Elm fallen broken off at stump which was all porous punk. Peter to lunch. Advised him to telephone Mrs. [illegible] that his salary will be paid in if not already to meet £28. [illegible] he had paid for [illegible] but that he broke [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Ordered 12 [illegible] [illegible] P.C's. W. Thanking Mrs Peters for Songs of the Sea. Rested. Tea. Read Observer and weeklies: a great deal of deserved praise of Churchill as [illegible] [illegible] on his [illegible]. I hope it will cheer him. Dict. M. I. T [illegible] [illegible]. Dinner. Listened to Sir Oliver Franks on European federation. Read Barnes's Rise of Xianity

Monday, November 29

Mrs Shaw page arrived to do work and I gave her shirts and drawers to take tucks. Signed and posted Beta Smiths typed letters to Catharine & Col. [illegible] who wrote about accepting a portrait of [illegible] Eyes for Ragal McInnes. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] signed and returned application to [illegible] C's [illegible] from [illegible] Tel. Maude Rhydens [illegible]. She is now at home for a little rest from the hospital life which she found so exhausting. Her Betty says [illegible] of the ugly age [illegible] flower. C. out to [illegible] [illegible] was giving her beautiful [illegible] tea. I am going [illegible] Swedish film [illegible] I took Humphrey Xmas cards [illegible] Alex [illegible] cake to Brown's [illegible] for [illegible] Armed [illegible] to take to [illegible]. On to bank for money. [illegible] lunch [illegible] Stopped after lunch to [illegible] through Williams Ellis [illegible] Tomorrow. [illegible]

They stupidly have not used
any quality from
letters to Malaya in either
Times or D. Mirror. Started
letter to Ben about Nancy
and spent most of morning
on it. C. out to her Ladies'
Tuesday luncheon. I had
lunch at Tresco Arms wh.
seems to be under new
management wi. man in
Chef's cap at sandwich
counter. On to Westminster
Bank Brompton Square
where I drew £32 for C.
Sheltered under [illegible] [illegible]
morning in [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] all ones of 74 [illegible]
[illegible] all this weather must
be due to atom bomb and
all that experiments. Grapes
at [illegible]. Home and read
papers at tea. Made
drinks. After dinner listened
to broadcast of presentation
to Winston in Westminster Hall
Worked on letter to Ben

Nothing's great for peace [illegible]
8 only ocean [illegible]

Up 7.20 Tel. Mrs Flora Kidd

Wednesday, December 1

Next- Dr. Rayden is free to represent Simmons [illegible] her O.P. books. Tel. fr. C. Wyndham asking me to tea this afternoon. C. cannot go as she is lunching w. Anne Beckett here. C. told me of operation on of Frances Bell's daughter in law at Ham[illegible] Out 10.30 and kept 11 appointment with Geoffrey Bourne heart specialist. He found me no worse than when seen last by Jenner Hoskin. He knew Wilfrid de Glehn and his wife and all the Emmets including Dur and he has been to St. James. He knew Harry James. Lunch Horseshoe. To Watermans in Kingsway and had this new nib fitted in an old pen. Took no 9 bus and stepped off Law Courts. Home 2.45 had some grapes & an apple. Up. 5. Tel. McFall P.J. Bain Then wi. C. Peter came and went on with her to Moura. I went to show Epstein the McFall native Kathleen Garman and her daughter

Thelma. R.C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
many the daughter who is certain

W.O. Duncan
May Bailey's Epstein
Peter D. Bruce [illegible] Bickley. Peter [illegible]

up 7.20 Mrs Shaw Page
came early

Thursday, December 2

and I
gave her Viyella shirts
with black pin stripe to
make double cuffs. C. went
to appointment with Dr
Hargrave. I worked on
Jimmie's letters all the morning
and then went to luncheon
with Claude Wyndhams.
Lady Middleton was there
and Lady Dalhousie and
a young ~~Rad~~ Shaw ~~Page~~ Stewart
C. had luncheon at home
with Mrs Puckett. After
lunch I went to Cameo
Corner and got Cabochon
garnet which I fear is a
failure. The colour does
not show and the gold rim
is too conspicuous. When
I got home C. was resting
but left a small page of
she was going to R.C.S.
lecture. I rested and had
tea at 6.30. C. came home at
7. She saw Mr. Violet [illegible]
at lecture. Read papers. Dined
C. now has a plate for her back
teeth which she naturally
minds at first. After dinner I
worked on Hadley [illegible]

Friday, December 3

Up 7.20 Sunny morning
Tel. Walsh that I do not need my new country suit for Xmas. He had asked me as he's very busy. Tel. Olive who approves my name, C. B. Subscribers of the sculptor. W. F. Phyfe. W. W. Crosshurst. Hastie writes Mrs Ruth Allen dead. W. Lattie Tel Mary Delgado would rather come to dinner than lunch. C. out to lunch with Pip. I walked to 'Tudor Arms' for lunch & found I had no money. Came back for it by bus & went again by bus. Evidently some change in management. Eat grapes which I ate sitting in our gardens. Sunny day w. Cool wind. Rested. Up 5.30. Tea w. C. Had talked w. Pip about V. Holland. Saw Czato w. Viola. Read Paper. C. in bad mood. Drinks. I tried to help about guests for luncheon w. Violet. C. was so rude that we did not speak during dinner

Worked all evening on Hadley letters

Saturday, December 4

up 7.20. C. got out and walked to Harvey Nicholls where she had shopping to do and was then going to Hugo, her hair dresser in Sloane St. I walked on to P.O. and bought stamps & came back by bus. Looked through my old correspondence about Westbourne Terrace Roundabout. Tel. Strathmore Press about Amberley Xmas card. They say it is O.K. but they have printed a dozen more for me, posted today. W. Nash-Kelvinator about refrigerator. C. came back and we had lunch. 1.30 Read Times and weeklies. To rest 3.30. Up and tea 5.30. Worked on Hadley correspondence until I went to make drinks. Mrs Lenner wants me to give reference for her to have a cheque book a/c at Westminster Bank. After dinner went on without pause with Hadley till 11.30

Comfortably awake a good deal in the night and slept late.

Sunday, December 5

2nd Sunday in Advent

Dinner. Sides Eisenhowers calm authoritative moderation towards China. Pleasant morning. Cloudy day. Sw. draft letter for E. to reply to M.C.A. Letter from Mrs Audrey & rang about television for My Mother's Darling. Peter came to lunch. Insurance money has come in and interest on investments to cover his cheque for new wing to his car after accident. Showed him Culverhouse grant. Walk to Beauchamp Place looking in vain for Lucy Middletons Scotch wool shop. Rested. Worked on Hadley drinks. Dinner. Hadley again. E. concluded her this novel. W. Bank: giving reference for Mrs Benner. Worked on Hadley till 12:30

Called up Alec Delgardo. Can't come to dinner

not go at or any sum. in on Friday.

Not in bed till 1.30 AM
up 8.15 Monday, December 6 Tel.
Frank Davies. Tel. Binny
for Gin - Rum. Tel. Father
back what Ray would
like for Christmas. I had
suggested Gin, Rum, Brandy
or Whisky for him. By
bus to see Davies about
that cabochon garnet
which he will try to
do something with. Home
addressed Kimberley Xmas
cards for U.S.A. Ev. had
been out shopping. Lunch
1-30. Went after lunch
to see Hackey. Said
that McFall has got
mustacho. Gave a
recognizable idea for this
though later thinner and
much longer than lips.
Home earlier. Tea and
addressed Xmas cards
before and after dinner.
W. Phyllis Whitworth
and Nicholas Hannen

Tuesday, December 7

Tickling throat and dry nose and I could not get to sleep last night. Got up at 2 AM and took two tablets of inhilan which gave relief and I finally got into a fitful sleep. Woken finally by [illegible] drawing C's curtains. Sore throat gone but did not feel well. Used inhaler and did not take bath. D. [illegible] put [illegible] on the back for his moderation towards China. Stuck down Christmas card envelopes. Tel. McFall suggesting he should use Peter as model for Hadley's hair. Talk Mrs Shub-Pag about Hadley's shirts which she is altering for me. C. going to lunch with her ladies. I went to Lower Regent St. P.O. and stamped and posted my X mas cards for America. (Mr had tel. me O.K. for Mrs [illegible] Origin bk.) Left book at London Library. Lunch Ath. Clifford Smith says coffee room chilly by [illegible]. [illegible] Anglo [illegible] Co in S. Ken station for [illegible]. Home got grapes pickled & then minutes indigestion. Drinks. Dinner. Walked [illegible]

Slept long and late and
Wednesday, December 8 my
throat much soothed;
up 9 o'c. Pouring rain
all the morning. Tel
Davies that I thought an
ornamental gold setting
would be best for garnets
which I could not expect
before Christmas. I wrote
up abstract of Hadley
Correspondence. C. lunch
to lunch with Ida and
Agatha Wedderburn.
I had light luncheon at
home. C. to see Viola
after lunch. She seems
better and brighter. Jakes
came up for the Agricultural
show and was there.
Claydon also came up
and took Lizzie out to
lunch and to something
this evening. C. & I left
6.30. Peter came in. He is
having his teeth & gums
treated by C's Dr. Fitzgerald's
son in law and partner. Ran

More work on Hadley correspondence
ur. Arthur Bell about gun for Peter

sherry. Came back this after dinner

Sore throat subsided.
up 8 o'c. D. Mussor tells of a

Thursday, December 9

hurricane at Acton yesterday
evening. Worked on accounts.
Out to Davies's and brought
away turquoise and gold
bow-knot brooch for C to
consider giving Cynthia.
Discussed pair to go behind
my garnet. Got bow tie
English - Royal Opera Arcade
selling out - to serve as model
for Hardy's bust. Got face
powder Cullen and Xmas
Catholic card for T.L.H. in
Beauchamp Pl. Home late
for lunch but C. later
Read Times. Rested but
could not sleep. Tea 5:30
Read Evening Standard and
Times. Made drinks. After
dinner dallied w. Times
Cross word and then spent
the rest of the evening reading
Bishop Barnes's Rise of
Xianity. C's false teeth look
very well - sometimes quite
natural and no doubt will
when one gets used to them

Turn of dreams of taking
chances Friday, December 10 up 8.20
C. gave directions for lunch.
and then went out - to dentist.
Letter fr. Alan Barlow who will be
in country till Jan 13 & wants to
know the name of my candidate
for Ath. Rule II. W. that it was
Epstein. Tel. Miss Cook & keep the
foil that went behind my garnet
Opened wine for lunch. Took
flowers into sitting room. Leigh
Ashton came first, then Dame
Malkail Nettl (Violet Leconfield)
Nelly Romilly and C. w. Violet
and more Chrysanthemums to fill
vase. Luncheon went very well
Leigh Ashton surprisingly suggested
that Edward Seago would have
good for Churchill portrait.
They all left before 3 Violet last.
She had been perfectly all right
and dignified. Read Times
Rested. Tea. Read E. Standard
Made drinks. After dinner
news and then spent the evening
struggling with Times cross
word puzzle - to bed 12.10

Up 7.30. Pd. bills etc. Tr. £500.

Saturday, December 11

to current a/c. Cool pleasant morning. Out by bus. Brompton Sq. Bank closed. Cashed cheque for £5. at Janes. Cut graphs 1st Stories. Xmas cards S. Vincent de Paul. Beauchamp P sale. Lady Myddelton's jewel strap across the stairs. Home lunch. Peter came round after and took me to McFall's studio. worked for back of Harley bust w. Peter as model. Bust promises to be good & not very distinguished. Tried bow tie like Harley's but it was not quite a success for the bust. Home in Peter's car. He sat in drawing room while I rested. Peter left after tea. I read paper. Made drinks. Dinner mine. Wr. Alex. w. £2.10.0 & Xmas card.

Sent cards to [illegible]
Cemeteries

up 8.15 Read papers at breakfast

Sunday, December 12

and after worked on my abstract of Hadley correspondence,

3rd Sunday in Advent

Out for a walk in Rutland Gate. Cold but sunny. Drank beer to luncheon. Hard to get used to C's gleaming white teeth. Worked on letter to Ben. Rested and slept. C. also slept. We had tea at 5:30 and built fire which daily-woman Grace had laid without any kindling, merely paper and great logs. Finally got it to go. Made drinks $\frac{1}{3}$ rum, $\frac{1}{3}$ sherry, $\frac{1}{3}$ port not bad but certainly not an appetizing cocktail. After dinner worked on letter to Ben which I finally got into shape and sent it off with synopsis to Rela Smith. C. talked of Delancey Place in Philadelphia where she was born and where her memory started. Tied up her present of a dozen handkerchiefs with tissue paper and green ribbon

C's birthday gave her two boxes of handkerchiefs marked "But not for tears."

Monday, December 13

Up 7.30. Paid bills w. Crowhurst. C. & I to Diaghilev Exhibition which proved to be at the top of endless back stairs in Forbes House Halkin Street so that I arrived exhausted. Innumerable rooms with Benois, Sert, and other drawings of ballet costumes and scenes and their dresses and prospectus of the period in a final room on the ground floor. Taxi to Scott's where we were met by Moura and had a regular small restaurant lunch for £4.7.6. Moura gave C a little silver Russian modern snuff box. Home rested. Tea and read letter from Ayrilda about an exclusive N.Y. dance. Made drinks John & Lukie Mathias and Peter & Stephen to C's birthday dinner party.

Tuesday, December 14

Letter fr. Alan Barlace approving Epstein for Athenaeum. Letter from Arthur Bull advising Boss of Albemarle Street if we are going to give Peter a gun and their representative Mr Sanderson Telephoned to him. Letter from Barrett expressing a poor opinion of Jimmie's honesty. To Smythsons of Bond St and got diary for 55 as Alfreda's present cost 17/6. To see Sanderson of Boss. Gun to last all Peter's life for £180. or gun of no permanent value for 100£. Lunch Ath. Called Davis and took garnet to Cameo Corner to have pearl put at back. Home. C had been to her Ladies Luncheon. At. Antoinette, Freda & Gladys R. We both went to rest after 4 o'c Slept and up for tea [illegible] Read papers. Told C. about my talk wi Sanderson and talked to Peter when he arrived for dinner after Gladys R's party. He went on to party at Fawcett. I worked over correspondence w. J. G.

Slept late after a night of
vivid dreams

Wednesday, December 15

Breakfast - 10 o'c. Have had
only an orange and a cup of
tea. Tel. Sanderson of Boss
about a gun for Peter and
arranged for him to [illegible] on
Saturday morning. Tel. Mrs
Cook about meeting of [illegible]
[illegible]. Tel. McFall to make
appointment for 2.30. Called
Cameo Corner and decided on
foil back - narrow gold ring [illegible]
setting of moss - agate stud.
To Athenaeum, entered Peter's
in candidates book. Got 4
more Xmas cards. Home
before C. for late lunch.
Left immediately after and
went to see McFall. [illegible]
hair much better also soft
collar and tie but insufficient
outer garment. [illegible]
home to get [illegible]
again and [illegible]
good result. Got home 4.30
C. leaving for the [illegible].
Received [illegible] Spencer from
Zuckerdorf. Tea alone. Read
Times. Tel. Peter about calling
on Boss Sat. A.M. Pay bills
- posted Xmas cards. C. home 7.30
Drinks. Dinner - Read Bp. Barnes

[illegible] glad he
as he has to [illegible] and after
6.30

no Rest

Slept well with dreams and
awakening 8 Thursday, December 16 up 8.3
C. off early for her permanent
wave. T.L. from Maude Rayner re-
turning to hospital tomorrow but
hopes to be home again for Xmas
Worked on accounts and com-
pleted November. Window cleaner
came and Mrs L. gave him 5/-
Worked on letter to J.L.H.
about Hadley. I had ex-
pected to go out to lunch
but Eggie announced it
at home. Afterwards I
worked on Hadley letter
C. came home and we both
went to rest. Up for tea
5.15. Then I went to see
Epstein and joined him on a
walk with his dog and left
him an Athenaeum batch of
numbers to choose a scene for
and supporters. Home and
played with Times Cross word
Puzzle. Early dinner and to
R.S.L. Poetry reading by
Vita Sackville-West. Sat by

Violet Ashfield. Talk Brian
Elizabeth Mogul

G. to dentist. I sent off English
Xmas cards

Friday, December 17.

Tel. G.
Watson for sample of tweed:
Worked on Hadley Correspond-
ence. To Bills and with great
difficulty owing to artificial
light chose socks & tie to
match sample of tweed that
I had got from Watsons
where I afterward [illegible] the
[illegible] pictures of his house
Lunch Horseshoe. Called Dyer
got two black fancy buttons
for G's grey house dress.
19 Bus to Sloane St where
I got Xmas cards for Miss
Neal & Maude Rudgers.
Home soon after 4 & G
arrived a bit later and
my bath water. Tea 90°c.
Read E. Standard and Times
Drinks. G. reading Spears'
book about facts of France
Peter [illegible] stayed at home
this P.M. with a cold.
Stamped English Xmas cards
& put out to post

Read [illegible] Smith's typed copy of my abstract
of Hadley Correspondence etc for Bess. [illegible]

X mas Tree ornaments in box - worn
in leather suit case
up 8 o'c. Saturday, December 18

Tel. Rita Smith about missing line in her copy of my letter to Ben. No reply. Tel. Peter. Better will meet me at Boss's, which I did at 11 o'c. He was obviously feeling ill and did not show enthusiasm but the gun seems satisfactory. I got stamps at Kleinmarde St. P.O. and green tie and grey socks at Bell to match the grey tie and green socks I got yesterday. Also red coloured socks for Stephen. Home lunch w Ida. Tel. Rita Smith who came while I was resting and got typescript which she brought back before dinner. Read Times. Then 6 o'c read E. Standard, also letter fr. J's lawyer who sent the renunciation of my rights to sign. Finished after dinner. Tel. Peter. His cold is worse. Posted letter to Ben

worked on reply to Dwyer

Up 8.15. Tel. before breakfast to Stephen Sunday, December 19 to tell Peter who was still asleep, that I wanted him to come here and stay in bed and be taken care of. 4th Sunday in Advent Peter called up later and admitted that he was no better but that he could take care of himself and did not want to come here. Spent morning on letter to Dwyer which I sent under further to Rita Smith for typing. Tutti Blacker came to luncheon looking very handsome and confident. After lunch I went for walk to end of Beauchamp Pl. Rested. Tea 6.15. Tel Peter who said he was hungry and wanted some food. C & I took food & milk in a carrier then went first to Buttermouths and gave Cynthia's turquoise brooch. George Allen Ambassador to Delhi returning to Washington there. Vaughans Ellery Huntington & Earl Baldw.

Home. Supper. Read [illegible] Inglis

Breakfast 9.30. Tel. McFall

Monday, December 20

Says bust finished Epstein satisfied. He wants to make plaster cast today. Tel. Phyllis W. She insists on seeing it in clay & cannot go to see it until 2.30. Lots of tel. back & forth. McF. unwilling will keep it in clay till ~~tomorrow~~. Tel. Peter no food in house. Told him to come & go to bed here. C. out at dentist. Peter arrived 12 o'c. Cable arrived early this morning fr Bill Maxwell – Beautiful telegram. Enormously fine. Out to see Epstein that he was half-past. Went to see McFall but he at lunch. Back & found Epstein. Says McFall's bust strong and spiritual with the profile of a great man. Young C. lunch. Cabled Maxwell's "Girls are good we know. Joyful congratulations. Tel. Attlee's secy about seconding Epstein for R.A. She said she would telephone this afternoon. So I did not wait but she did not. Accounts. Replaced

all Evans at left on desk. Drinks. Dinner
To all W. Jennings. Tel. Phyllis W.

Up 7.30. Tel. Epstein not up but asked

Tuesday, December 21

Miss Carman to try to get him to meet us at McFall's studio at 2 o'c.

Michaelmas Law Sittings end

Tel Phyllis that N. Hannen was coming. Tel McFall not there. Tel Miss Cook Cameo Corner brooch not ready. Peter much better. Call from Attlee's secretary saying he will second Epstein. Read her letter that I suggested he should send to Parry the secretary. No. 9 bus to St. Martin's Church. Cat got notes for staff & Major Baker £15.10.0. To Bells and changed tie for blue and got sugar & matches for Stephen Bancroft. To Boots and got Peter's Clock. Home lunch. Peter & Cat. her ladies' lunch — Met Phyllis & Nicholas at McFall's studio. Epstein did not come. Phyllis likes bust but is worried about what Geoffrey would have thought. N. made countless objections

Tea. Made potato [illegible] crepes Anglaise

[illegible]

Wednesday, December 22

Shortest Day

Woke 6 and did not get to sleep again. Could not get one or the other of problems out of my mind. Harley's bust, Epstein's election Athenaeum, Garnet brooch for C. Hadley situation. Up 8 o'c. [illegible] breakfast early and went to office. I gave Major Baker his present and staff tips. £15.10.0 in all. To box room re. Stanton and got Xmas tree ornaments and stayed. Tel. Ciddon and thanked him for mending my despatch case. To Carrado Carrera and got garnet brooch very nice, and left Eileen's sapphire & diamond hat pin to be made into a brooch. To Coptic St. tobacconist and got Digger pipe tobacco for Nephew and Maccoboleth @ 9/- for Charley and had pleasant talk with the assistant and went out to Heckett's stamp shop who was glad to see me. Says he has seen John's children. To Pall Mall Framers re about picture fr. Palermo. To St. J. Sq. Bank & got £150 for M.E.P. To Ath. got cards cashed cheque & left Xmas tips. Attlee's name not put in back to see Epstein. To Covent Garden & got Xmas tree

[illegible] Peter & trimmed tree. Posts came. [illegible] back [illegible] home

Tired out with dreams. Up 8
W. ~~Ann~~ Thursday, December 23 Bleeds
at Alfred's. Thanks [illegible]
for help with Peter Spain.
Out with C. Got money
at Bank. Looked at
Helen's sable being made
with cape and stole. Got
things at Chemist Evans's.
Got big nails for Xmas tree
To luncheon with C. at Gladys
Robertsons with Esher and
Orme Sargent. Got
grapes and ordered blotting
paper. C. went home in
taxi and I got stamp
and then home and rest
up for tea at 6 o'c.
Looked at Time. Peter
came to dinner and we
had drinks and putting up
Xmas tree. C. spent evening
wrapping up parcels.
To bed as usual after 12 m.

Sent Paul's William £1.6. for his Xmas card

Slept late. Out before 12
To Paxtons Friday, December 24 No blue
Cheshire but got some nice fresh
Cheddar. Tried Fortnums but got
poor opinion of shop as usual. Got
some Stilton at Jacksons.
Gin, port + sherry at Berrys
where staff of young were a bit
Christmas demoralized. I got
home before C. who had been
doing last shopping and nearly
got shut in at Harrods closing
at 1 o'c. Drinks of sherry + Dubonnet
before luncheon. Out soon
after. Got red candle to go on
top of the tree which I cut a little
too low on account of my
glass chandelier and pretended
to have been my window. Also got
Xmas labels for C. Barkers
crowded horrors extreme. It was
nearly 4 when I got to studio
and gave McFall his cheque +
showed him nature of changes of
sculptor + Phyllis's photo
letter. Hurry up first is plaster.
Home nearly 5. Tried to rest. Tea
6.35. Worked on candle on tree
tops. Drinks. Dinner Restaurant
as Mr L. + E. at Trafalgar Sq

celebration. Tied up presents + W [illegible] till 12.3

up. 8 o'C. Mild grey Christmas a.

Tied up Saturday, December 25 C's

parent to go with her and the

presses, Eizie & I and little

QUARTER DAY Christmas Day

dolly woman put paper under

tree. Peter soon arrived and

we started trimming tree; Stopped

to go to church And I made

a Xmas point of going to our

own Parish Church in

Ennismore Gardens even though

very few there. Peter and G

hesitated but we went and

got into a most awful High

Anglican Ritualistic Celebration

quoting both Pope and Arch

bp Canterbury; we came out

during hymn after sermon.

I hunted round and finally

got some brandy for the

Princess Christmas Pudding

sauce. The pudding came from

Algeria. We went on

trimming tree lunch & after

lunch. G. brought P. home, I a

Charley. undoing Xmas presents by

Peter tomorrow. Queens speech

3 o'C. Peter home and came back. we

Stephen & Charlie at St [illegible] at

4.45. John & 3 children [illegible]

+ Christmas Dinner at 5.30 & May stayed till [illegible]

Charles & Peter to supper. Dream and [illegible]

Sunday, December 26

St. Stephen's Day *1st Sunday after Christmas*

Slept well. up 9 o'c. Breakfast 10.30 Read Papers. Effie had put back table. W. [illegible]. After [illegible] paid bills etc. Peter [illegible] is on his way to Amberley Dull mild day. Long rest 3.30 to 5.30. Thought it was morning when I woke up. Tea 6 o'c. Went out clear before with bright lights shining across Park but misty and starless above. 43 bus to Oxford Circus. All the shops brilliantly illuminated and wonderful moving figures in Selfridge's windows. Struck by high marked prices on articles in John Lewis's. Stopped to find patterns Hanover & [illegible] in [illegible] Square floodlit but dark. Home and made drinks. C's newly paid teeth took fairly naturally but gave her an entirely different expression. After dinner read Bp. Barnes [illegible]

& Went To Bed 11.30

Half awake with dreams G. & I. Think my saw any

Monday, December 27

extra set of Christmas tree props must have been turned out with branches.

Boxing Day

Asked Major Baker to let engineer help me take tree off stand. Mild grey day. W. Simone to tell him about our Christmas tea with his grandchildren. Got out claret & sherry. G. put on her garnet dress with my garnet brooch which looked well as I had visualised. Nicholas Hannay & Gladys Robertson came to luncheon and it seems well for them but Gladys as usual gave me no support or helped out my memory. N. H. thinks that Labour Government will decline in popularity. G. rested. After tea maid went out. I went to see lanterns on both sides of Regent Street. Warmed up afresh and had dinner of cold turkey & mince pie. G. to see Ruth Lee's Rickmansworth tomorrow

wrapped up. Michael's Major telephoned his father died this A.M. Cont. on first

Woke early and finally
got into Tuesday, December 28 a
dreaming half-sleep of being
lost on a rocky island.
Breakfast 9.30. Tel.
Mr Burt who hopes to have
bust in plaster by Friday.
T. S. Pugsley's Whitworth.
C. + I. to Albany to
see Ruth Lee and
Rubens's portrait. Gladys
Robertson there.
C. went on to buy
apples at 5 each and
I had luncheon at
Athenaeum. Mr Sutton has
seconded Epstein.
Home and rest. Up
to tea w. C. 6 o'c. She
had been to a film. Read
Times. Made drinks. Peter
arrived from Amberley with
a brace of pheasants from
Mother's shoot. Dined there
w. letter asking support
for Epstein Admission

Breakfast 10 o'c. Tel P. Whitworth

Wednesday, December 29

and W. Hanna and McFall backwards and forwards to settle matter of change of sculptor and next sitting of bust — for Hanna. C. to see dentist. I finally sent revised notice to Peter Smith to make another copy. Took waistcoat of my blue knicker-bocker suit to Bills for them to get stockings made to match. To Jagmar where I was met by C. in a huge struggling crowd of bargain hunters. I chose silk & 2 cotton materials and a wallet to give to Ida. C. & I taxi to Tudor Arms no longer Yates but taken over by Stones. Lunch soup and smoked salmon. Home. Rested. C. tel. Talbots & Thesigers & fixed dinner Jan 14. Paid chiefly etc. Made drinks. Looked at Times before & after dinner. W. Alan Barlow about Epstein. W. Manning, Roberts, Oppé. To bed as usual 12 M.

got linen [illegible] for [illegible]
C. left pearls at [illegible]

Thursday, December 30

Breakfast 10 o'c. Weather dry and mild. Letter fr. J.L.St. [illegible] Barrett has died. W. Lloyds Bank Arundel. W. Stanley Morrison. Out and tried to get large pattern of Edwards Harlequin but Baker had only small. Got grapes. Home. Sherry and smoked salmon saved from yesterday's lunch when B. arrived. Then repeated lunch in dining room. Afterwards took letter to Simmons lawyer W. Dwyer and synopsis of [illegible] with him to [illegible] & sent it by air. Bought linen thread to make watch straps of material got at Walpole's. Home & [illegible] Tea 6. Read papers. Made drinks. Petty telephoned to say he has to go to a party and cannot come to dinner. After dinner tel. Crowhurst: W. Bruce to tell him story of Morris Parish falling down in minutes like W. Crowhurst.

Friday, December 31

Breakfast 9.30. 10. p.c
– Church [illegible] de Stoughton
recommending W. Deacon to
clean a picture for him.
Tel. Edwards Excellence who
will send me 3 bottle. Tel
Richard Maxley about paper
and got off samples
to him with order.
Also W. Riley Smith:
enclosing final copy for
notice of change of shop.
with paper & envelopes
Lunch C. who had been out
Tel. Fr. McFall who will be
ready for us on Sunday
Pd. W. Allen W. Rogers about
pruning apple trees and W.
Brownhurst-Whey. Out and
got grapes and pr envelopes
and 1 sample of check for chair
Pearl stringer from Dibdeno
fitting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Rest. Then [illegible] [illegible]
fire. Read papers. Drinks
Mrs A. & E. [illegible] out. Dinner

in restaurant & spent evening making

[illegible] linte.. [illegible] slate

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Letters

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Jan 1 Charley Butler
Jacob Epstein
Nicholas Hannen
Alix
5 Cecilia Fisher
T Knapp-Fisher
8 Catharine
9 J. L. H.
9 Sarah Bradley
10 Roger
10 Norman Pett
10 Mrs Christopher Nicholson
10 Mollie Lockhart
13 Wayland Hilton Young
13 Frank Pepper
15 Richard Talbot
15 Berenice

Memoranda

16 Richard Merton .
16 Mrs Peter .
18 Alfreda
18 Mark Howe
20 J. F. Fleming
23 Wayland Hylton Young
Feb. 1 Martyn Skinner
3 H.P.C. Garden Club
3 Tagna
3 Miss Mead.
3 Roger
3 Bruel
3 London Library
4 Ellis Little
5 Frank Pepper
17 Pauline Willis

Memoranda

19 Roger
" Mark Howe
Haven Falconer
Melville Minton
19 Paul
18 Catharine
22 Phyllis Whitworth
24 Byrle
25 Genevieve
March 2 Haven Falconer
Roger
Minton
11 Mrs Raban Williams
12 Angela Whitcomb
15 Hampton
16 Haven Falconer
17 Genevieve

Memoranda

17 Mrs R. Williams
19 Sent Proxy to Schiff
31 Louise Broadwood
31 Bruce
Apr. 1 Miss Wilkinson
2 Angela Whitcomb
5 Mrs R. Williams
7 Roger Lubbock
12 J. L. H.
12 W. E. Dwight
13 Miss Cay Jeffries
13 Miss Wilkinson
15 Hume Falconer
21 Bruce
21 John Huntington
25 John Huntington
25. Rev. Elwood Stewart
25 Mrs Richard Jeffries.

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April 26 John Mathias
29 Mr Somersett
29 Bruel
30 Bruel
30 John Huntington
May 3 Charley Butler
3 Marion Whiting
3 Blanche von Arnim
3 Mrs Wilkerson
4 Bernard and Robin Darwin
6 Till, Somersett
6 Mrs R. Williams
8 Maude Royden
14 Oliver E, Nicholas H. Phyllis W.
27 Alfred Bert
27 Adam Fahm Mrs Wilkerson
29 Sarah Bradley
31 Mildred Hooker, Ritz Cianduri
June 5 Till
8 Marion Whiting
9 Mrs Raban Williams

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June 9 Tania Blixen
11 Anitas Blood Carpenter
12 Ruth Draper
16 Miss Wilkinson
17 Tania Blixen
20 Tania Blixen
21 Lady Keeble
27 Marian Whiting
21 Blanche Dewing
21 Lennox Robinson
23 Martyn Skinner
23 Queen Stewart
25 Tania
28 Miss Wilkinson
26 Ben
July 3 Rogers- Rose Macaulay
8 Maude Royden
13 Miss Wilkinson
13 Arthur Bull
15 Prescott
15 J. L. H

Memoranda

July 19
Blanches Aracin
Hotel Carlton
or Union de Banques Suisses
Place St. François, Lausanne
July 20 Roger's
20 Mercedes.
21 Tania Blixen's wi. vitro.
22 Maude Royden
23 Roger
24 Mrs Wilkinson
27 Roger
28 Tom Coward
29 J.L.H.
30 Tagua
Aug 2 Mrs Smith Craig
2 Tagua
4 Outhwaite
4 Timmel

CASH ACCOUNT

Aug 6	Brass
6	Prescott
7	Dr Foulkes
7	Prescott
7	Roger.
9	Rogers
10	Rogers
10	Jakes
12	Rudy Keeble
13	Rogers
20	Paul
23	Prescott
26	Rudy Keeble
27	C. Hassall
27	The Times
25	Rex Belknap
31	C. Hassall

	31	Elizabeth Dyer
Sept	1	p.c. Charley B.
		" Susie H.
	2	Lady Keeble
	4	Blanche Arnim.
	6	Ben Huntington
	8	Roger
	14	Bruce and Roger
	17	D Foulkes
	24	Paul, Betsy, Catherine
	24	J. A. H + Ben H.
	27	Bruce + Roger
	28	Maddox
Oct	4	Mrs Kabler-Rittle
		J. A. H

CASH ACCOUNT

Oct	8	Allsop
	10	Rogers
		Miss Cook
	26	Catherine
	29	Moore
	31	Tapper
Nov	3	Tapper
		Ripman
	5	Phillips Bradley
	6	Pauline Wild
		Barrett
	9	Alan Barlow
		Phyllis Whitworth
	11	Bishop Gayer
	12	Alan Barlow
		Phyllis Whitworth

CASH ACCOUNT

19	Dr Papman			
	J. C. H.			
	Prescott St, 27 Alfred			
29	Catharine's			
	Col Horton			
Dec 8	Arthur Bull			
11	Alix			
16	Alan Barlow			
17	Ben			
26	Roger			
27	J. C. H.			
23	Arthur Bull			

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